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PLASTIC MAN

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CHANGES THE MIND
OF A CRIME MINDED
MIND READER!



FACTORY TO YOU!

NOT 1. NOT 2. NOT 3
BUT ALL 4

ILLUSTRATIONS ARE ACTUAL SIZE



\$1.97
FACTORY
TO
YOU



Yes, This Perfectly Matched Four-Piece Writing Set
WITH YOUR NAME ENGRAVED ON ALL FOUR WRITING INSTRUMENTS IN GOLD

1 FOUNTAIN PEN

Fashionable gold-plate HOODED POINT writes velvet-smooth, as bold as fine as you prefer... can't leak feed guarantees steady ink flow... always moist point writes instantly... no clogging... lever filler fills pen to top without pumping... deep pocket clip safeguards against loss.

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Has identical ball point found on \$1.5 pens NO DIFFERENCE! Rolls new 1949 indelible dark-blue ball pen ink dry as you write. Makes 10 carbon copies. Writes under water or high in planes. Can't leak or smudge. Ink supply will last up to 1 year depending on how much you write. Refills at any drug store. Deep pocket clip.

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ENGRAVE THIS NAME ON ALL 4 PIECES:

(Print plainly... avoid mistakes)

Send to (NAME) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

ZONE _____

STATE _____

NOTE: Same name must be engraved on all four pieces.

Plastic Man

DON'T TRY IT, PLASTIC MAN!
I CAN READ YOUR MIND AND
I KNOW PRECISELY WHAT
YOU INTEND TO DO! ONE
MOVE, AND YOUR FRIEND
PLUNGES TO HIS
DEATH!

ULP!

HOTEL
ADISON

ONSTAGE, AN INCREDIBLE PERFORM-
ANCE NEARS ITS CLIMAX...

AND NOW KRA VASHNU WILL
EXHIBIT THE STRANGE AND
MYSTERIOUS POWERS HE
ACQUIRED WHILE STUDYING IN
THE SECRET CITY OF THE HIGH
LLAMA! HE WILL READ THE
MINDS OF PEOPLE IN THE
AUDIENCE!

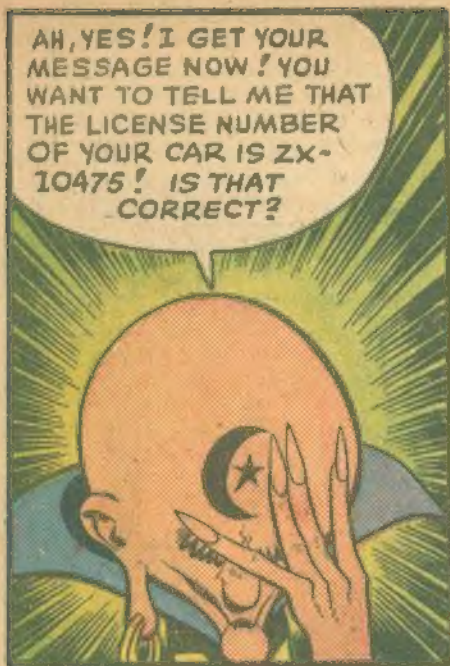
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LET YOUR THOUGHTS
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TO ME!

D'YOU THINK
HE CAN REAL-
LY DO IT,
PLAS?

I DON'T
KNOW!
BUT WE'LL
SOON
FIND
OUT!





AH, YES! I GET YOUR MESSAGE NOW! YOU WANT TO TELL ME THAT THE LICENSE NUMBER OF YOUR CAR IS ZX-10475! IS THAT CORRECT?



IT CERTAINLY IS, KRA VASHNU! YOU READ MY MIND PERFECTLY!

AMAZING!



HE REALLY CAN READ MINDS! AN ASTONISHING PERFORMER! DESERVES A BIG HAND!

WELL, YOU'RE CERTAINLY GIVING HIM ONE!

CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!

CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!



LATER, IN KRA VASHNU'S PRIVATE DRESSING ROOM--

I RECEIVED **ANOTHER** MENTAL MESSAGE WHILE I WAS ONSTAGE TONIGHT! ONE THAT I'M CERTAIN YOU DIDN'T INTEND ME TO RECEIVE, MY DEAR!

I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!



YOU'RE LYING! YOU INTEND TO LEAVE ME TONIGHT! YOU'RE GOING TO RUN AWAY WITH THAT MUSICIAN, HARRY EDMONDS! YOU WERE THINKING THAT THIS WAS YOUR LAST PERFORMANCE!

YOU KNOW I WOULD NEVER LEAVE YOU!



FOOL! I ALWAYS KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING! YOU WERE GOING TO KILL ME!

LET GO OF MY ARM! YOU'RE HURTING ME!



YOU'RE MAD, VASHNU! MA-A-AD! OHHHH!

THAT'S THE SECRET OF MY GENIUS, MY DEAR! I ALWAYS SAID THAT YOU'D NEVER LEAVE ME FOR ANOTHER MAN... AND LIVE!

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AND I ALWAYS MEAN WHAT I SAY!



BUT WHY ARE YOU SO ANXIOUS TO TALK TO KRA VASHNU, PLAS?

BECAUSE I'VE NEVER BELIEVED THAT MIND READING WAS ACTUALLY POSSIBLE! HIS PERFORMANCE TO-NIGHT CONVINCED ME! THINK OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS HE COULD DO WITH SUCH A GIFT!



HE'D BE AN INVALUABLE AID IN FIGHTING CRIME! NO CRIMINAL COULD WITHHOLD ANY SECRETS FROM HIM! AH! HERE'S HIS DRESSING ROOM!



SOMEONE'S COMING! I FELT HIS THOUGHT WAVES! I'VE GOT TO ACT FAST!

WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE?

DIANA, MY BELOVED! SOB - SOB!



S-S-SHE'S DEAD, PLAS!

MURDERED... BY STRANGULATION! YOU'RE THE OBVIOUS SUSPECT, KRA VASHNU! THIS IS YOUR DRESSING ROOM!

SOB! SOB!

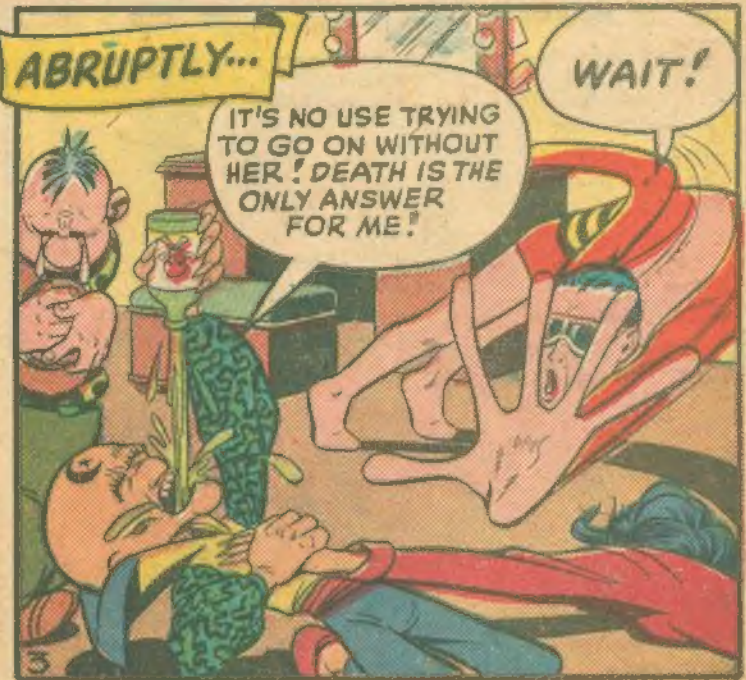
SQUIRT!



YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! DIANA IS THE ONLY WOMAN I'VE EVER LOVED! I'M THE LAST MAN IN THE WORLD WHO WOULD WANT TO KILL HER!

HE SOUNDS CONVINCING! BUT WHO KNOWS IF HE'S FAKING?

GOO HOO! SOB! SOB!

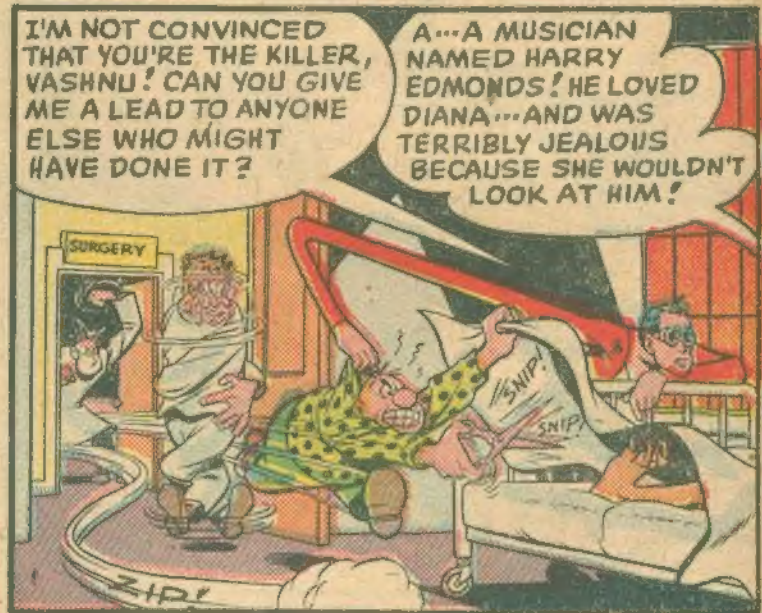
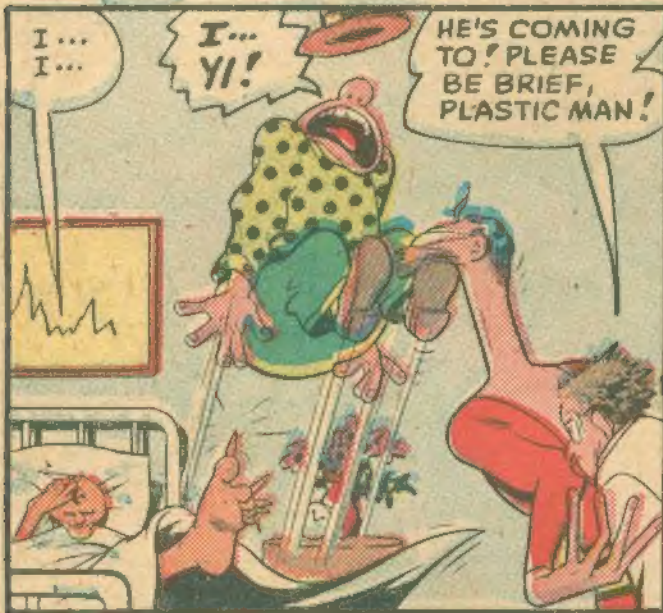
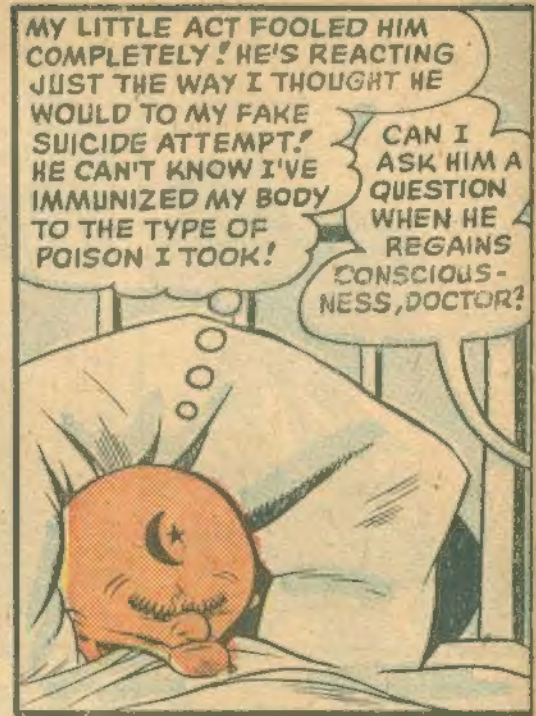


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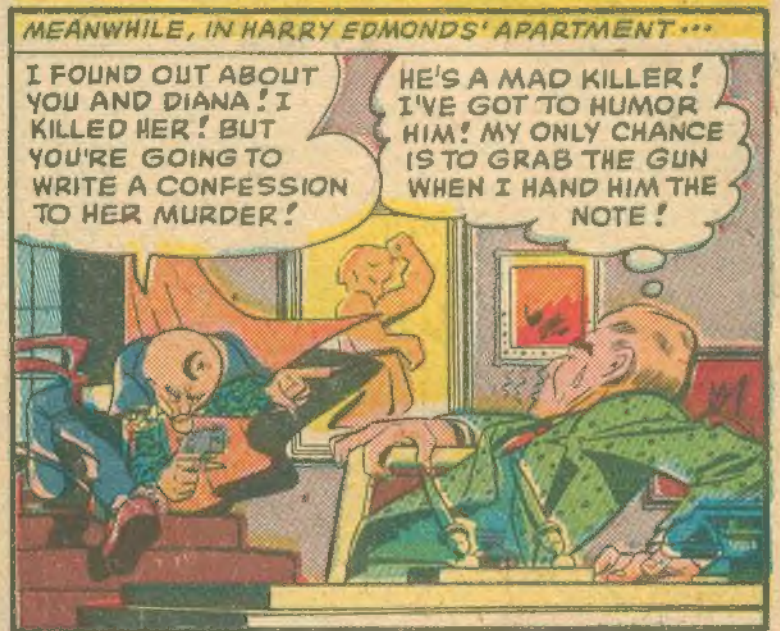
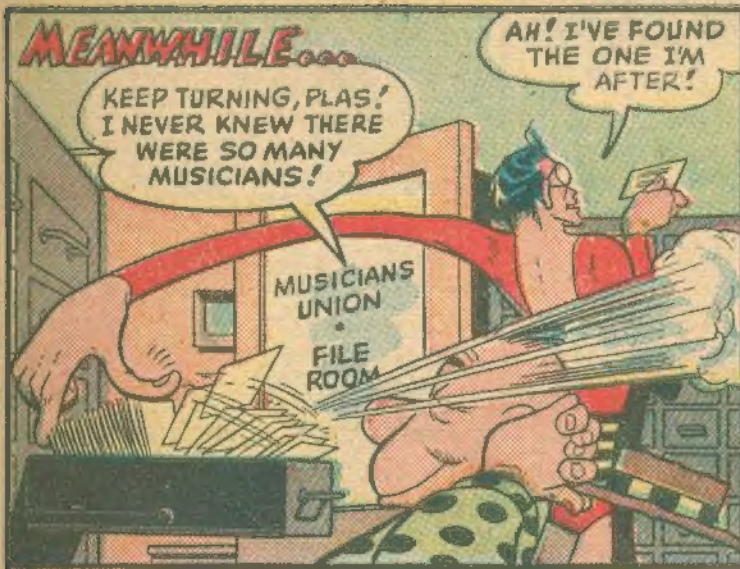
IT'S NO USE TRYING TO GO ON WITHOUT HER! DEATH IS THE ONLY ANSWER FOR ME!

WAIT!

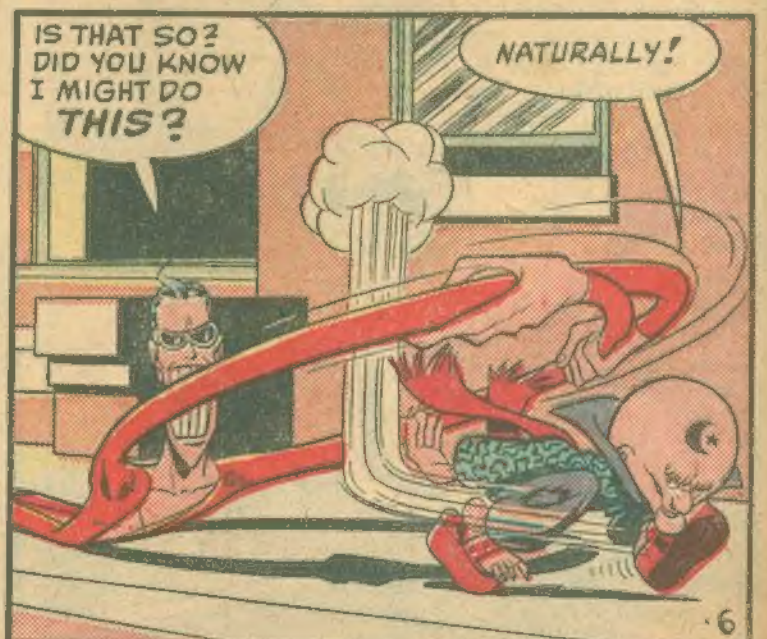
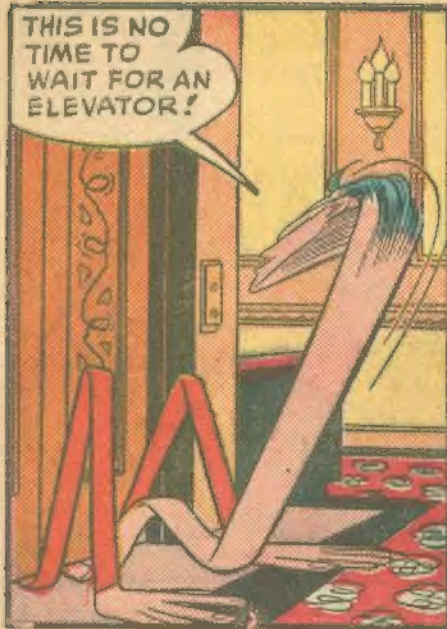
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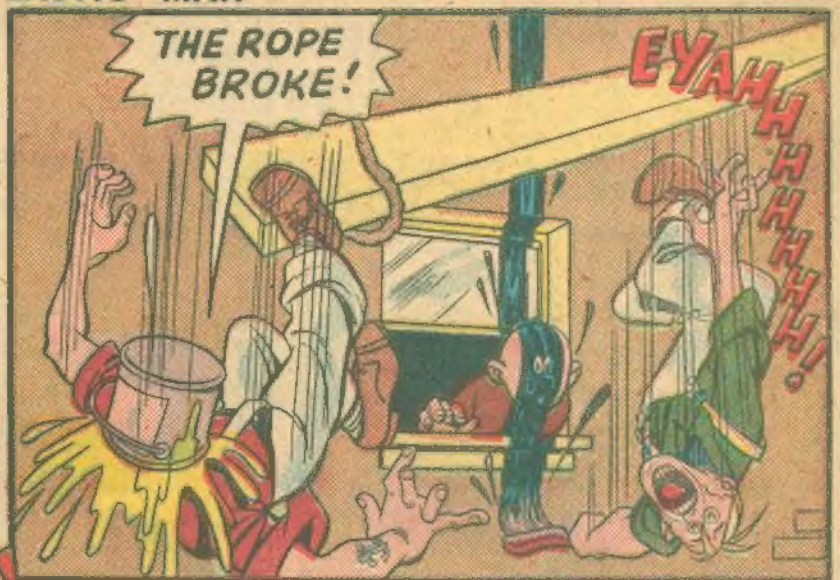
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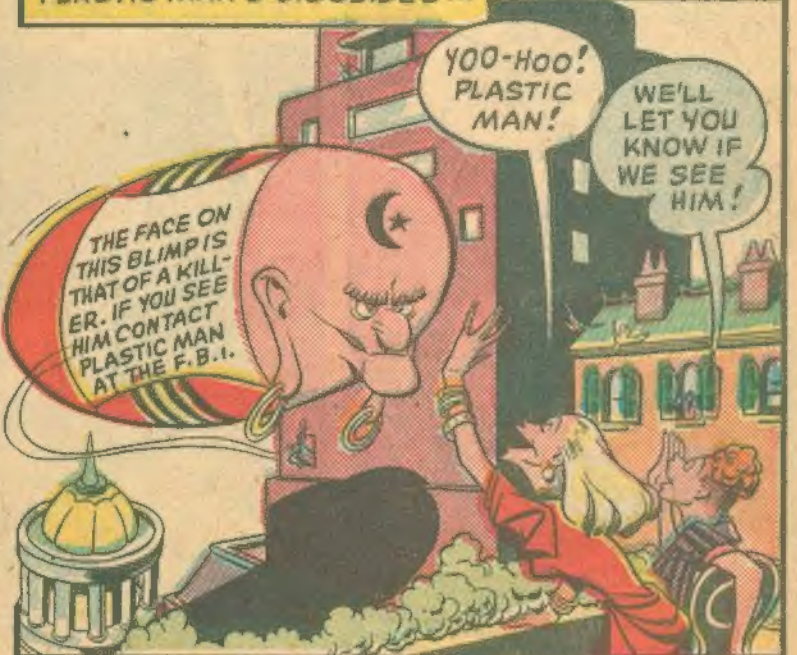
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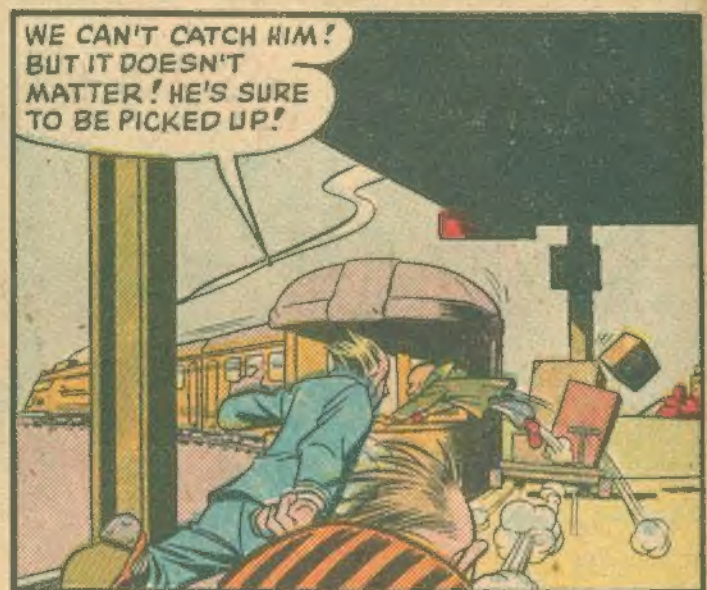
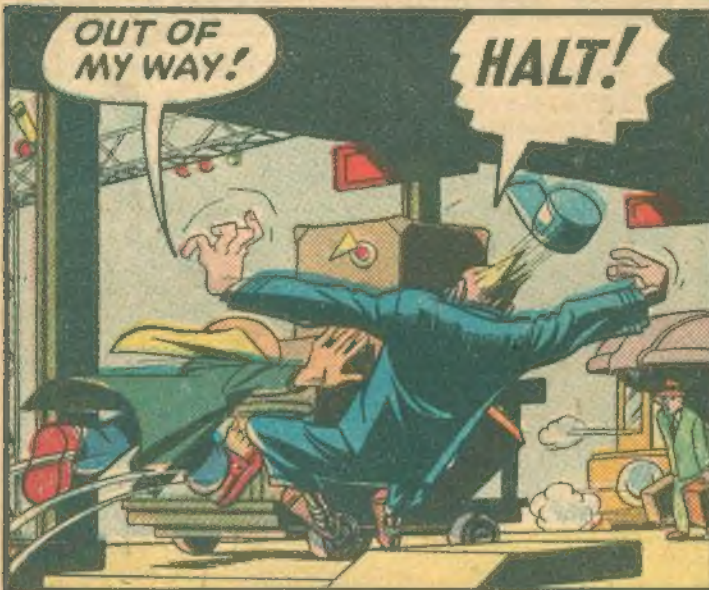
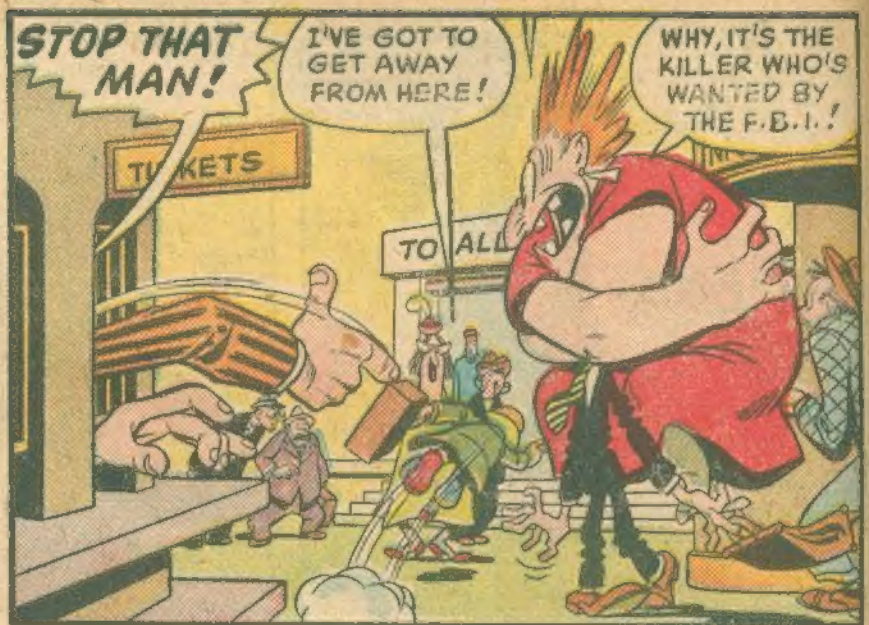
LATER, PLASTIC MAN MAKES USE OF HIS UNIQUE TALENTS TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH!



THERE IS NO END TO THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF PLASTIC MAN'S DISGUISES...



PLASTIC MAN



IS A LIE! I GOT A WAY TO RID MYSELF OF THAT MENACE...
FOREVER!

LATER

NO FURTHER WORD ON THE KRA VASHNU CASE, EH, CHIEF?

NOT A WHISPER OF A CLUE! THE EARTH MIGHT HAVE OPENED UP AND SWALLOWED HIM FOR ALL THE TRAIL WE'VE PICKED UP SINCE HE JUMPED THAT TRAIN!

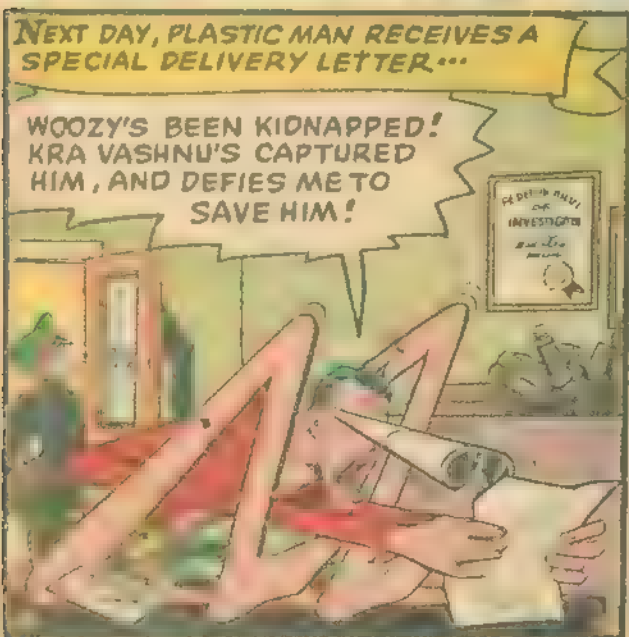
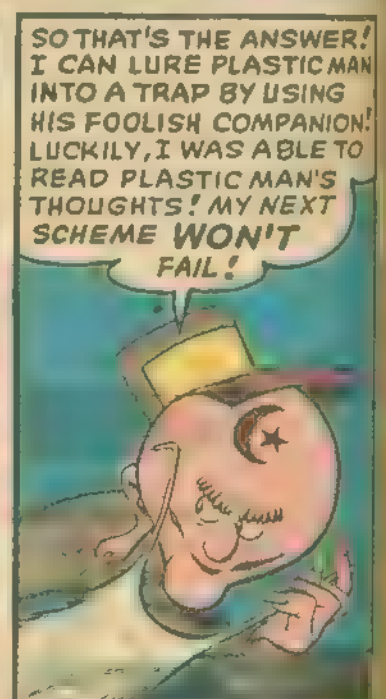
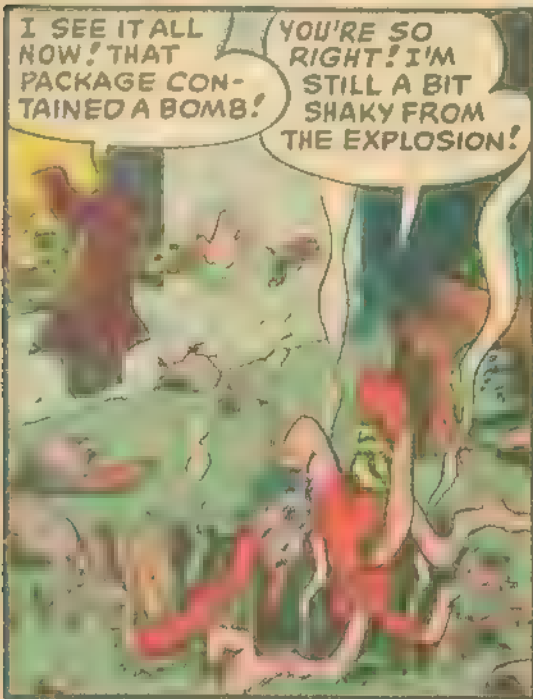
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BE ON GUARD,
PLASTIC MAN! HE
MAY LEARN FROM
EXPERIENCE AND
TRY AGAIN!

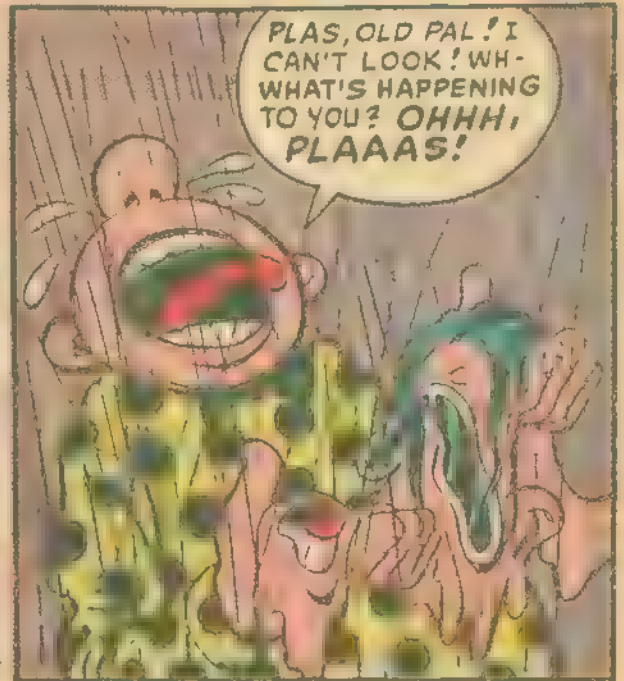
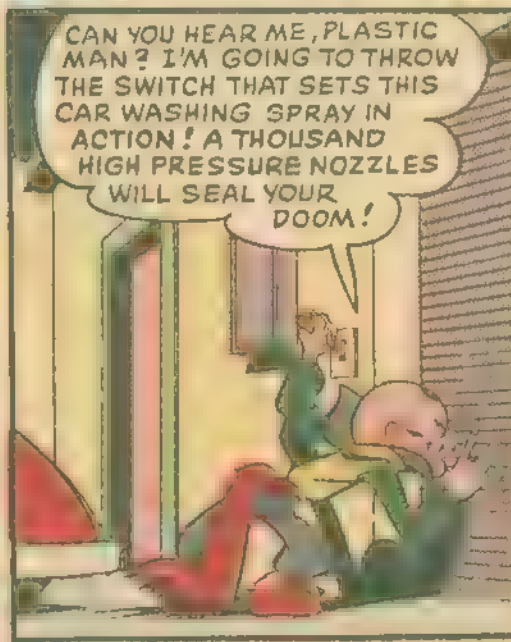
A comic book panel showing Plastic Man in a room. He is holding a large, rectangular package. He is shouting "A PACKAGE FOR PLASTIC MAN! WILL YOU SEE THAT HE GETS IT IMMEDIATELY!" and "SURE!". The room has a yellow wall and a window. There are several "TICK-TOCK!" sound effects around the package.

TICKING?

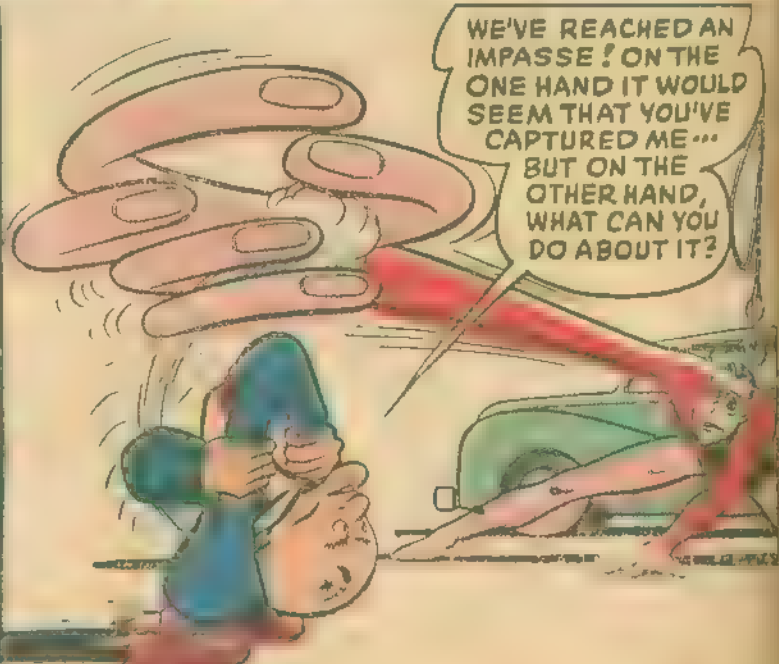
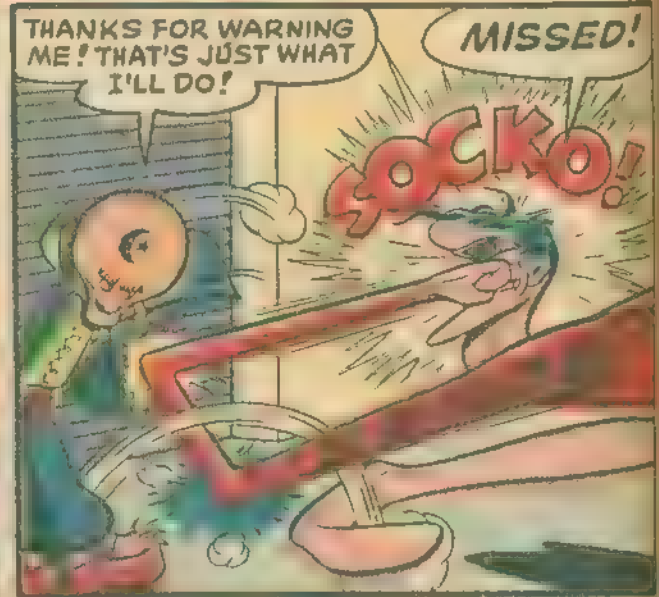
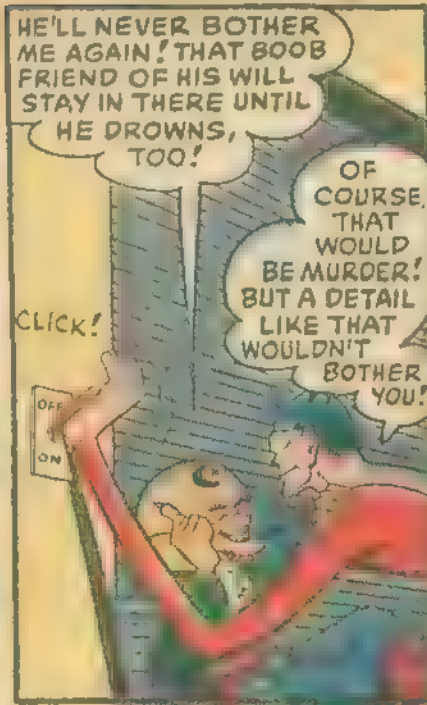
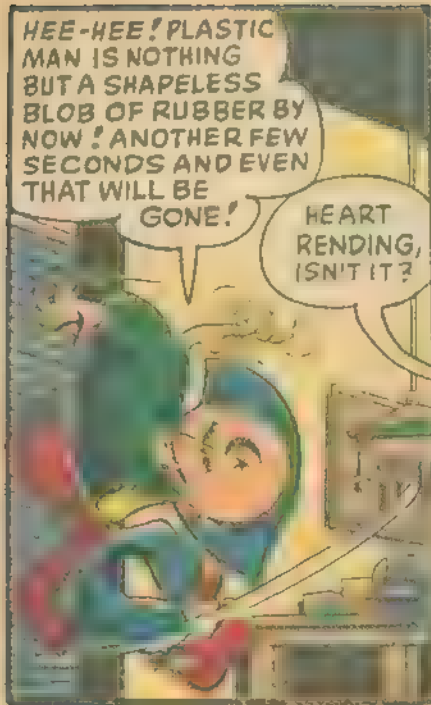
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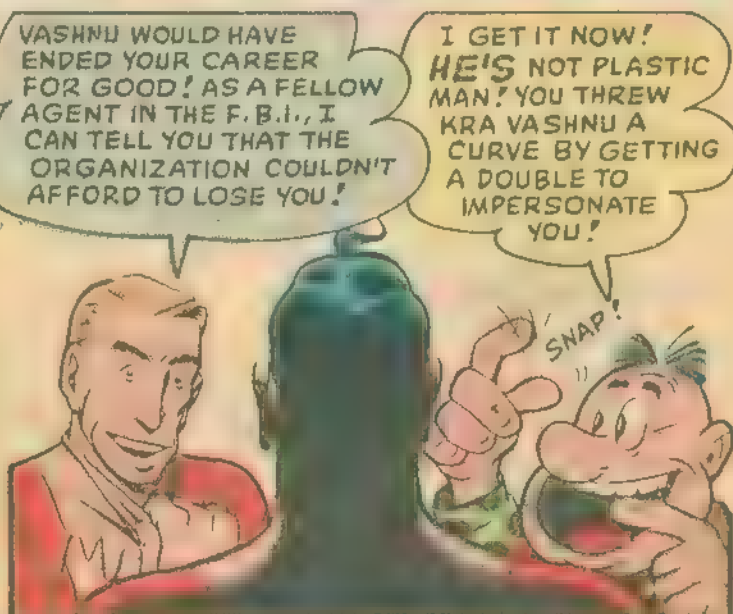
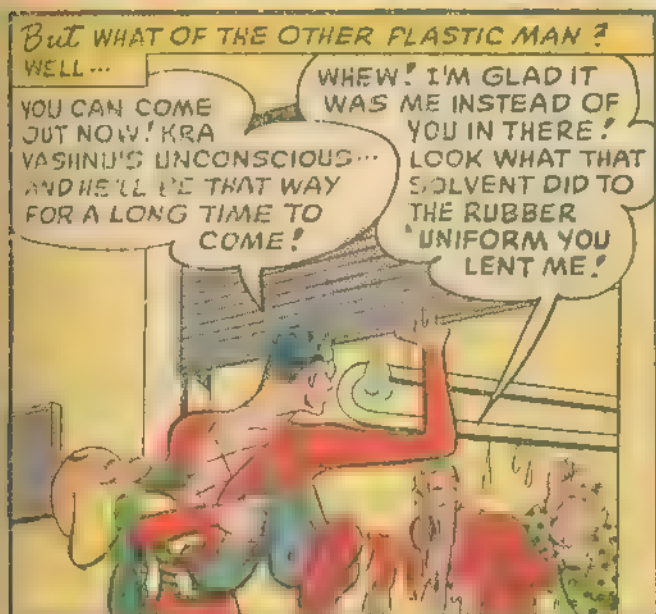
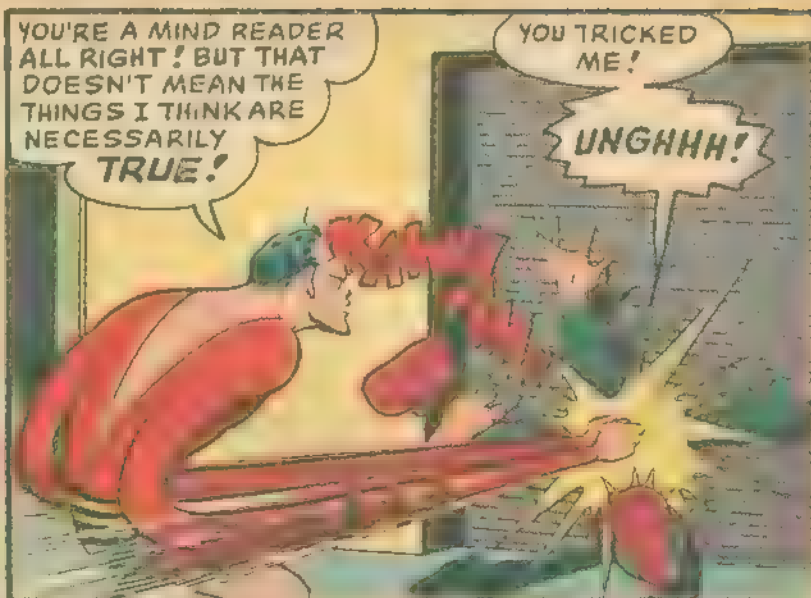
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WOOLLY!

LOVER BOY!
COME BACK TO
ME!

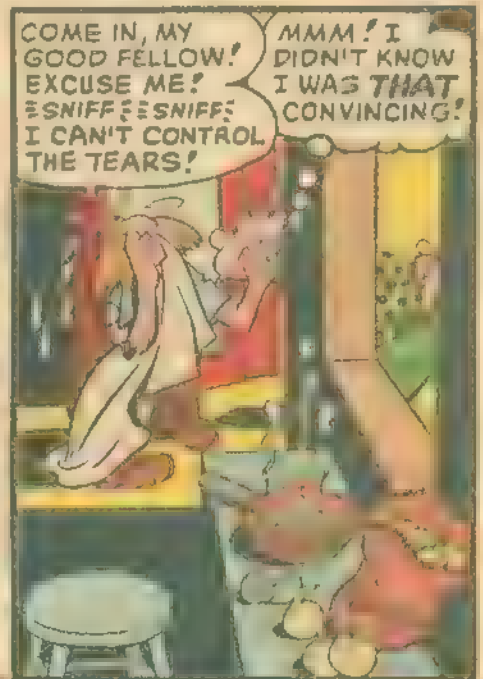
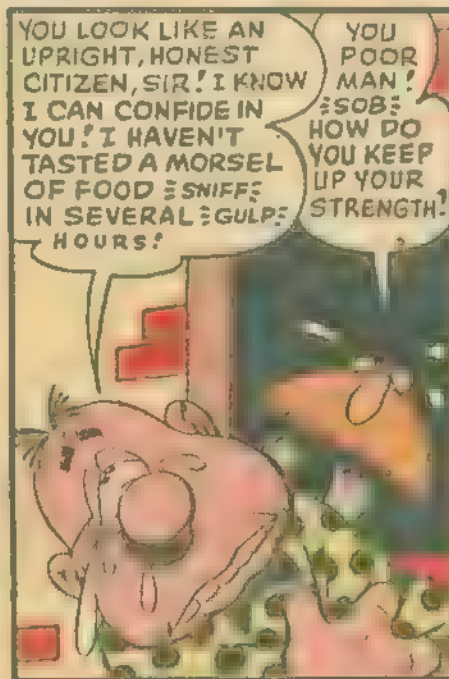
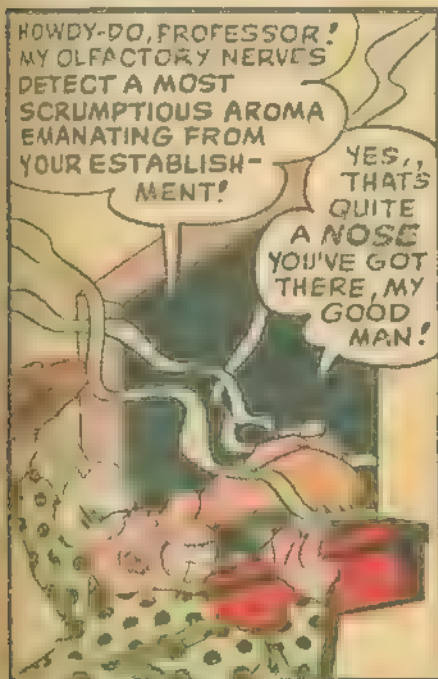
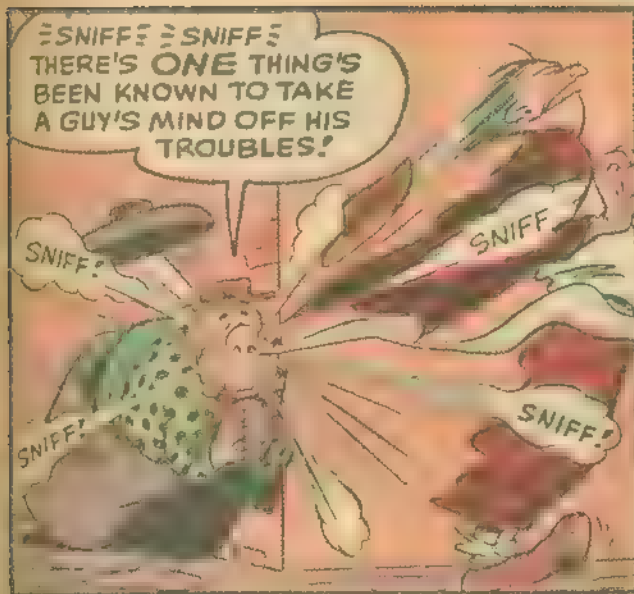
WHAT? AND
BE SEEN WITH
AN UGLY FACE
LIKE YOURS?

PLEASE DON'T
PILFER THE
ROSES

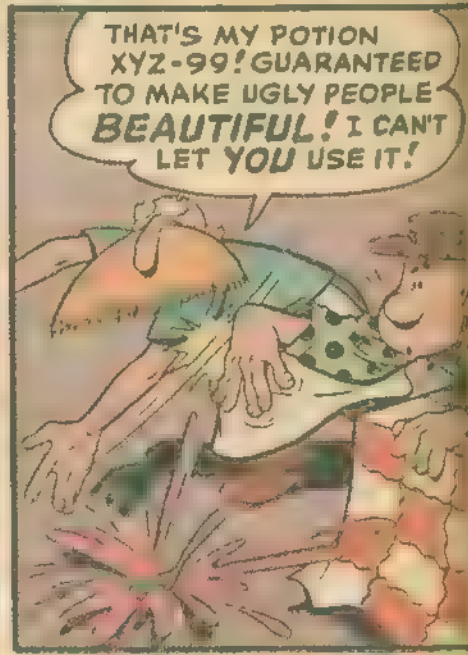
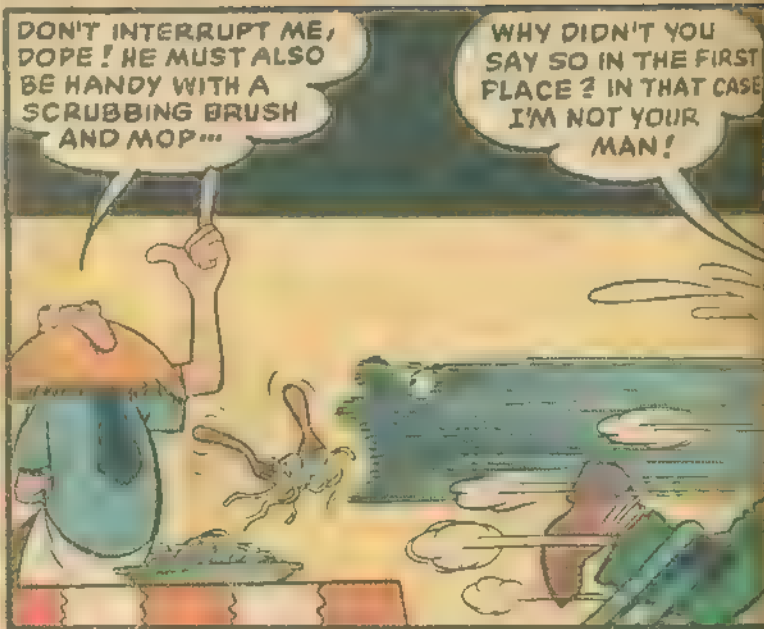
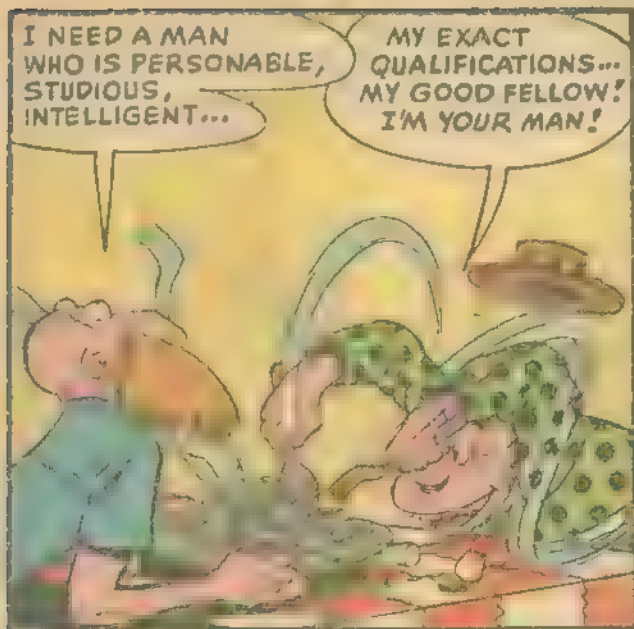
I'LL NEVER BE
ABLE TO FIGURE
OUT...

... WHY I'M ALWAYS
SO IRRESISTIBLE
TO HOMELY BABES!

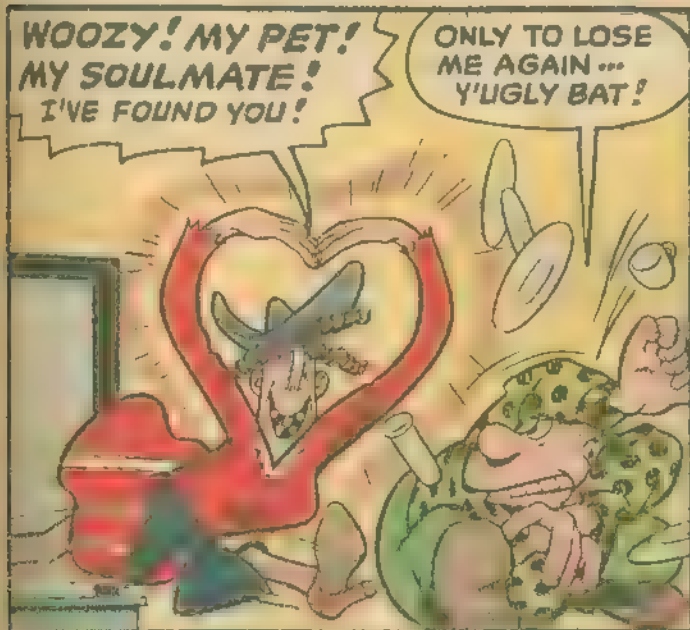
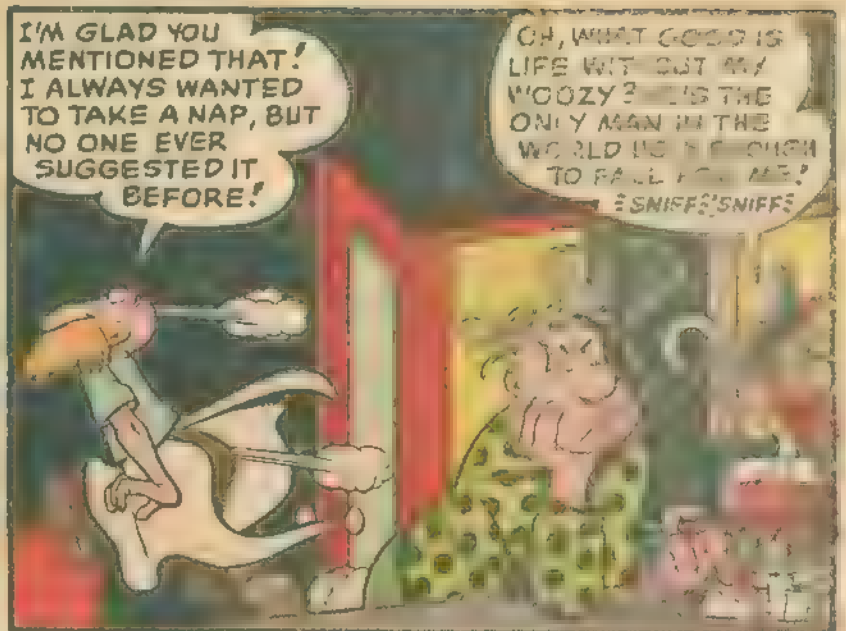
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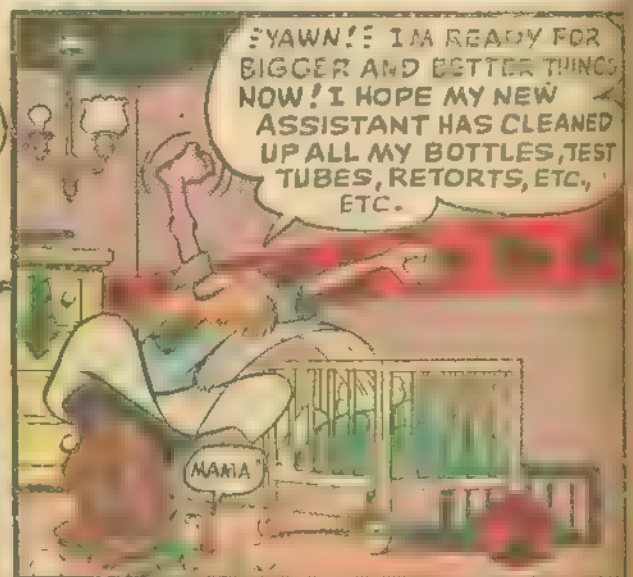
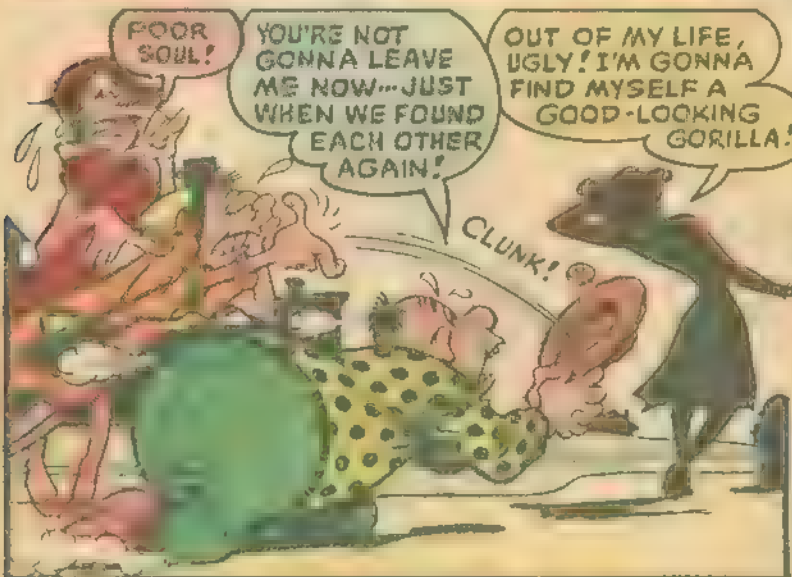
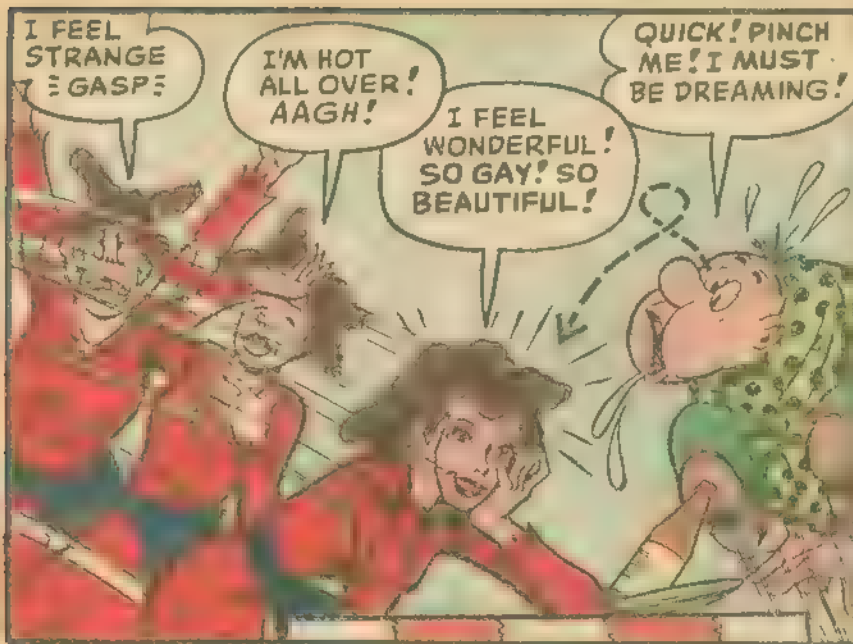
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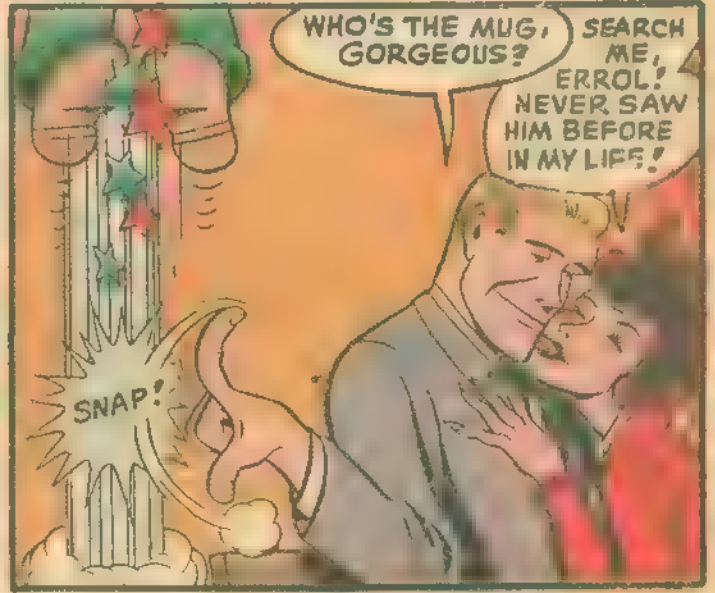
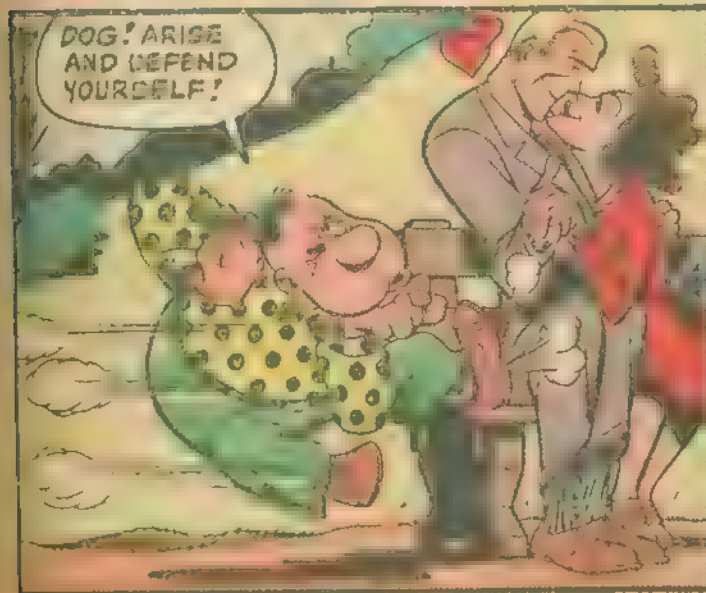
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Muscle Standing

WHERE the two holdup men crouched on the dark fire escape, they could see into the apartment with almost unobstructed clarity. Everything in there was rich-looking, unusual. "Sticky" Fingers nudged his skinny companion, Blotto. "There's class for yuh. The guy must have dough."

"Sure, he's got dough," Blotto whispered. "Guys as famous as him don't work for peanuts."

They froze as two figures appeared. A tall, handsome, dark-haired man in evening clothes came in with a beautiful, golden-haired woman. They talked a minute, smiling at each other, and then the girl slid a string of glittering diamonds from her neck and a heavy bracelet from one slender wrist. Her words came faintly to the two on the fire escape. "Put these in the safe, dear. I'm going right to bed. You can stay up and read if you want to."

Don Irish kissed his lovely wife. "I won't be too long, dear. And I'll take my shoes off before I come in so I won't disturb you."

Outside, Sticky and Blotto watched the tall man open a wall safe, tuck the jewels inside and then whirl the dial. Sticky jerked his head. "Okay. The babe's asleep by now. Let's go."

"I don't like this," Blotto whispered nervously. "That guy's a magician and . . ."

"So who cares?" Sticky snorted. "He's got dough and he's got twenty grand worth of ice. What more do you want?"

Guns levelled, the pair stepped through the wide french windows. "Get 'em high and no funny stuff," Sticky snarled.

Don Irish looked up from his book and his dark eyebrows climbed. "Visitors," he said pleasantly. "Now, this is a surprise."

"You ain't funny," Sticky said and waggled his gun. "Open that can, buddy, and no back-talk. We seen what you put in it."

Don stood up, shrugging. "Very well. If you insist. But I'm wondering if there's anything in there you really want." He went to the wall, slid the concealing picture aside and spun the dial of the safe. After a moment the door swung

open. He lifted out the diamond bracelet, turned and held it out.

Blotto reached for it and suddenly shrieked. His fingers had started to close on a diamond bracelet, but what lay in his hand now was a cold and clammy snake whose reddish eyes glittered at him. Blotto shrieked again and the green snake flew from his shaking hands.

"What's wrong?" Don asked. He picked up the fallen snake and suddenly it was a diamond bracelet again. "Didn't you want it? Or perhaps you need a drink. There's a decanter and two glasses. Help yourself."

Shaking, Blotto tilted the amber liquid into the glasses. In the first one it turned an inky black. In the second it became red as blood. Blotto yipped again and fell over his feet getting away from the table.

"A wise guy," Sticky roared then, recovering his wits. "A smart apple, hah? I'll get the ice myself. Cover him, Blotto." He strode across and snatched at the necklace lying on its dark velvet cushion.

There was a click and Sticky yelled in a choked voice. A band of steel had closed around his wrist. Wild with rage and fear, he tried to twist around far enough to cover Don with his left hand but the steel trap hampered him. Blotto was shaking, the gun in his hand forgotten.

Don Irish took a quick step and snatched the weapon from lax fingers. He swung and Sticky's gun was twisted loose. Don covered the two as he backed toward the telephone. "Don't try anything. I'm calling the police. You, skinny, get over there beside your pal."

Shaking, whimpering, Blotto pushed close to Sticky. "I tol' yuh," he moaned. "I tol' yuh, the guy was a magician . . ."

Sticky watched while Don cradled the phone after his call, then slid a little, cleverly-made rubber snake from his sleeve and put it in a drawer. Then Sticky turned swiftly and his left hand clouted Blotto across the side of the face. "You dough-head! You dumb, dim-witted, tongue-tied moron. When are you gonna learn to talk so's people can understand you? I thought you said the guy was a *musician*, and nobody's scared of them."

PLASTIC MAN

BUT WHICH ONE IS AMORPHO? THAT'S THE SIXTY-FOUR DOLLAR QUESTION!

WHERE IS AMORPHO?

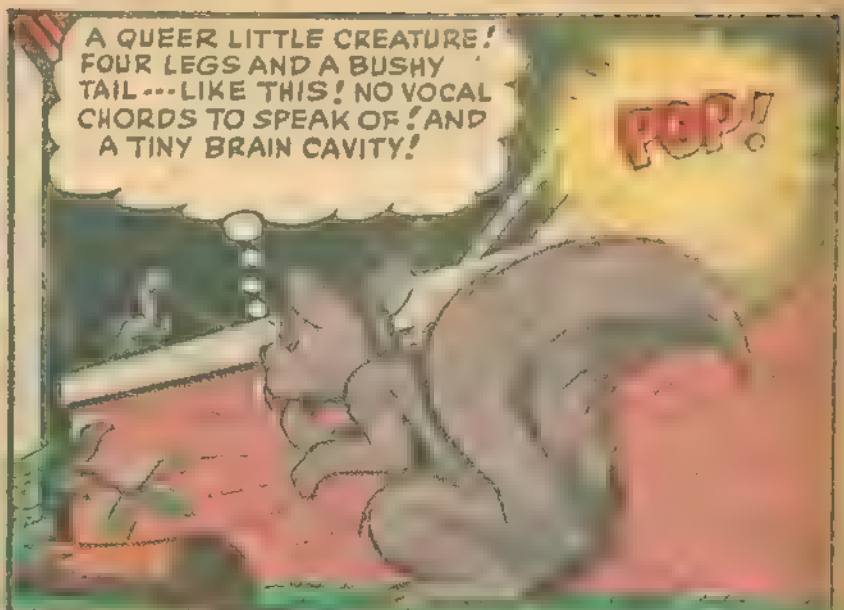
WELL, HE MIGHT BE THE MAN SEATED NEXT TO YOU AT THE THEATER! OR HE MIGHT EVEN BE THE CHAIR YOU SIT DOWN ON TO-NIGHT! OR THE LAMP POST YOU LEAN AGAINST! OR **PLASTIC MAN!** OR WOOLY WINKS... OR ALMOST ANY-ONE! FOR **AMORPHO** IS NOT OF OUR WORLD, AND HE HAPPENS TO POSSESS THE UNIQUE FACULTY OF BEING ANYONE... OR ANYTHING AT ALL!

LIKE FEW PEOPLE WHO SEE THE FLASH ACROSS THE SKY THINK IT IS ONLY A FALLING STAR...

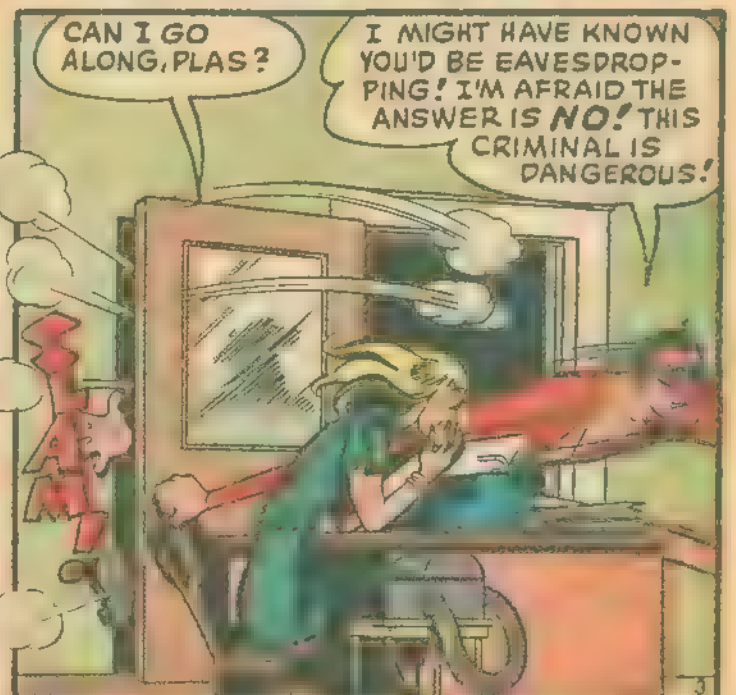
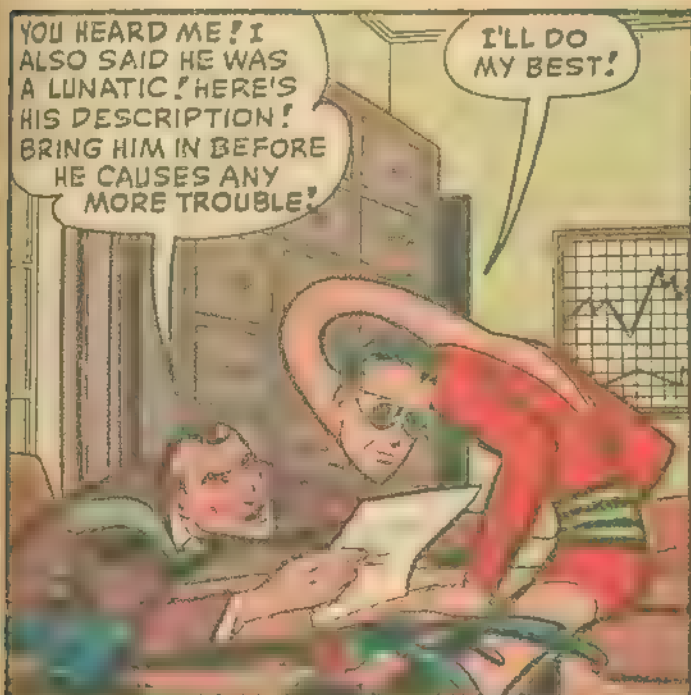
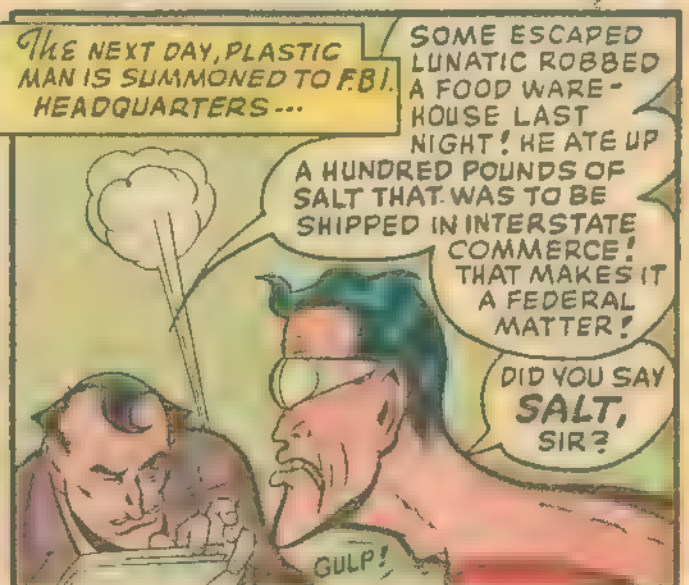
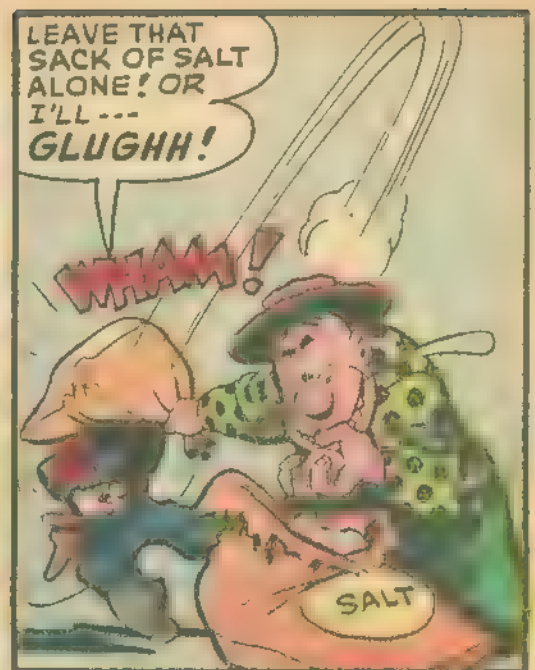
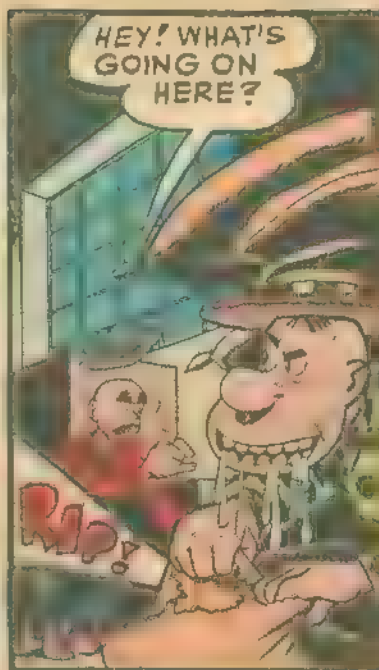
BUT THEY ARE QUITE WRONG! FOR IT IS THE PROJECTILE THAT CARRIES AMORPHO FROM OUTER-MOST SPACE...

FROM THE TINY ROCKET SHIP THERE EMERGES A SHAPELESS, FEATURELESS, INDEFINABLE MASS OF PROTOPLASM! **THIS IS AMORPHO!**

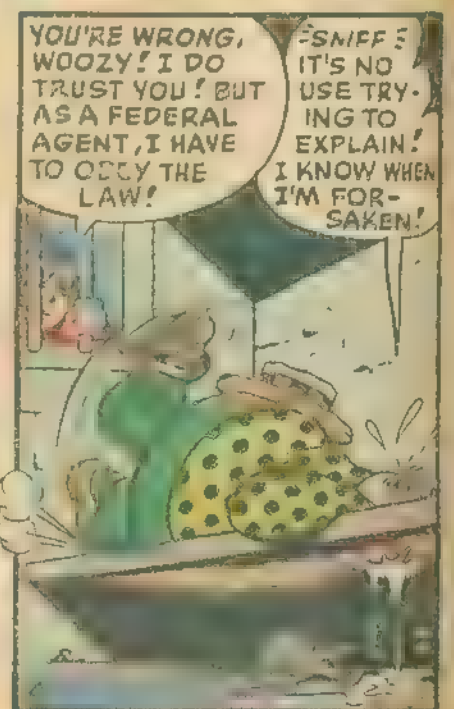
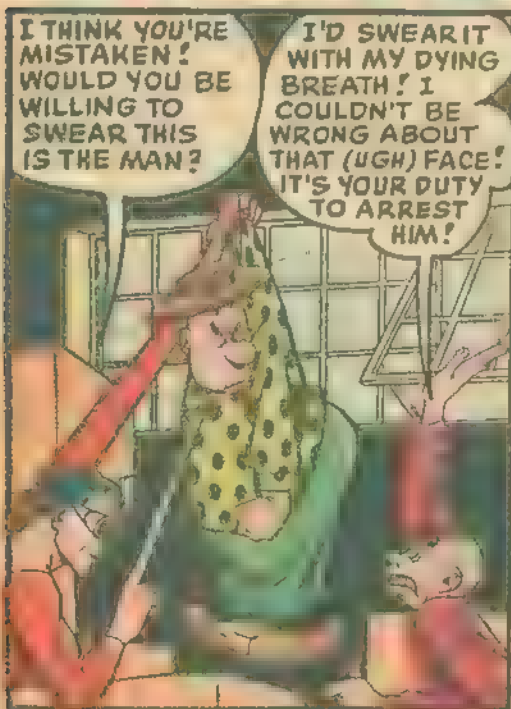
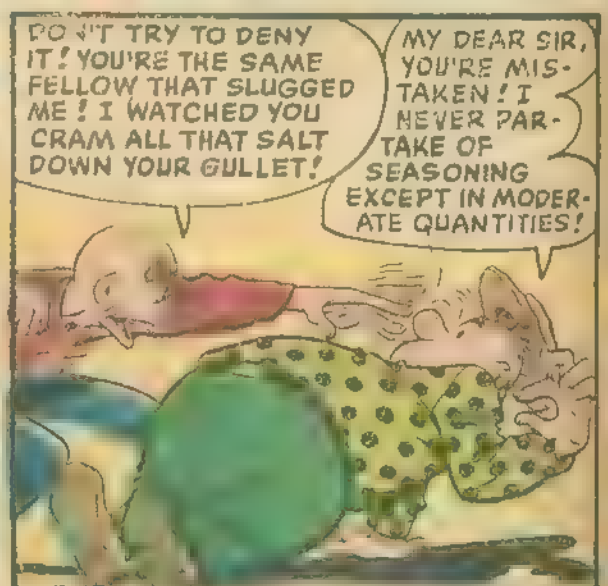
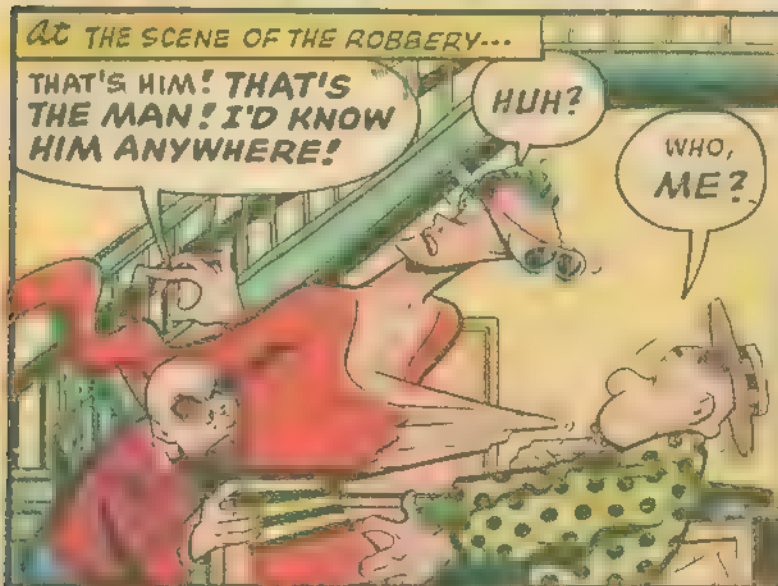
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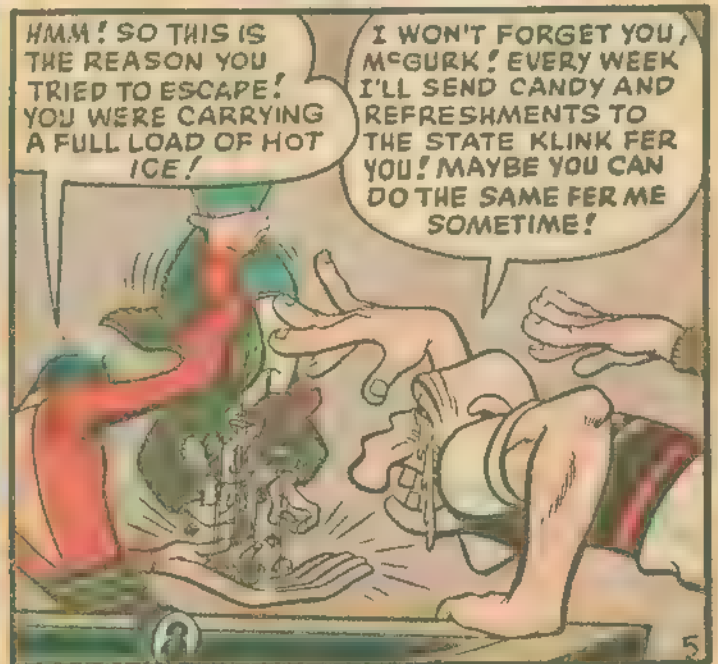
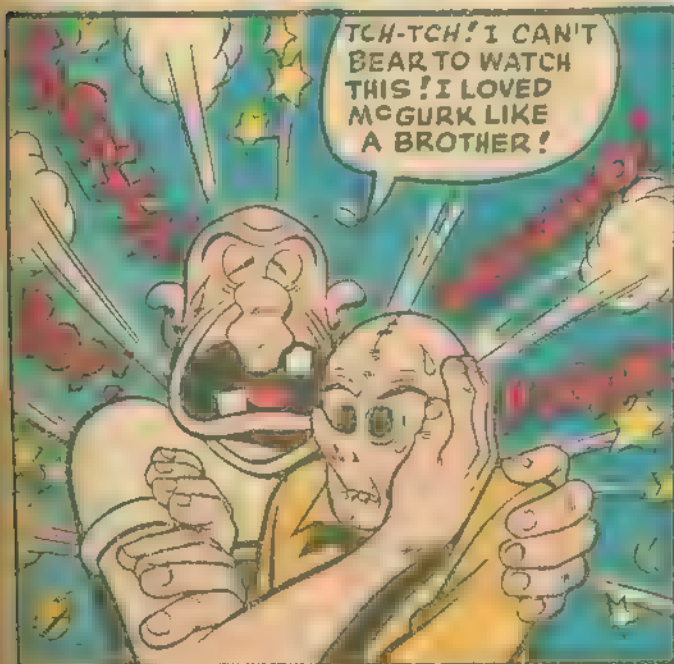
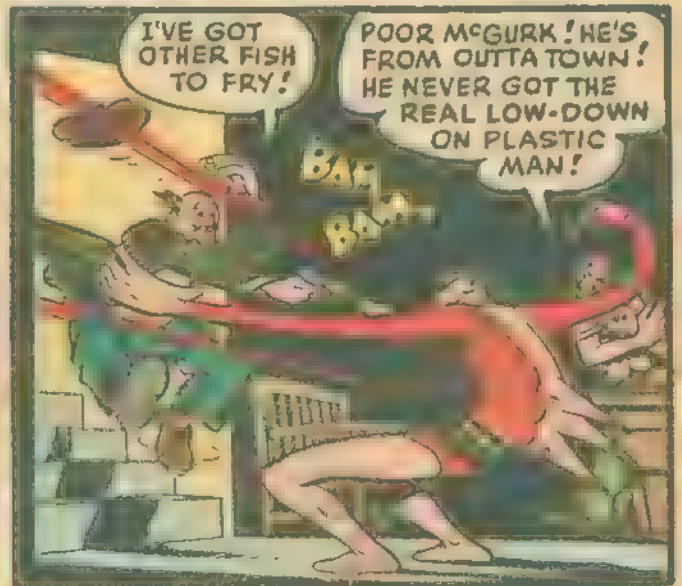
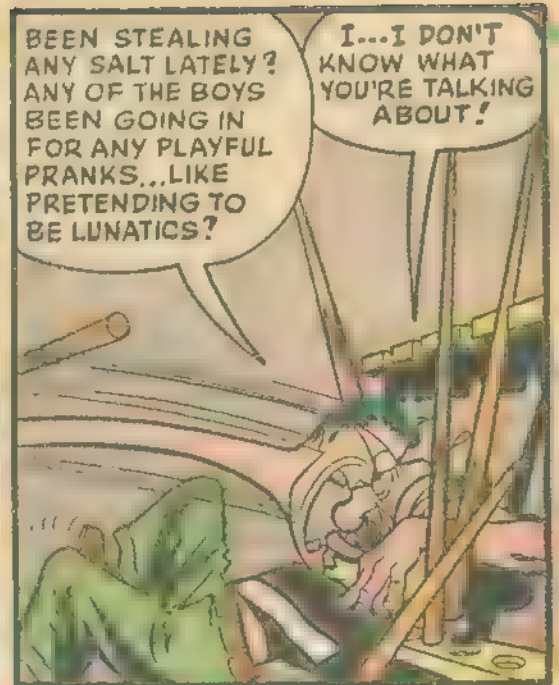
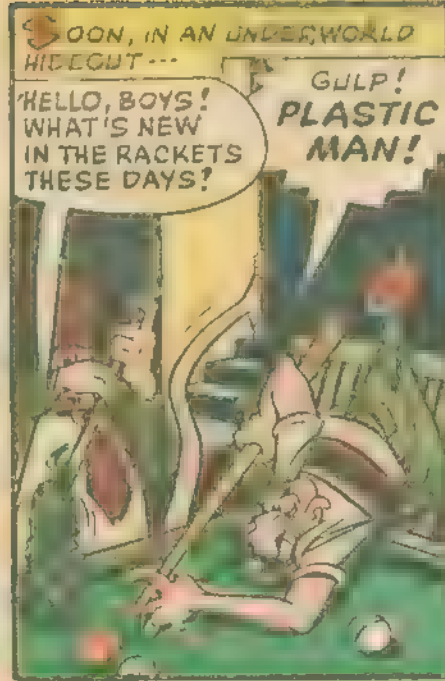
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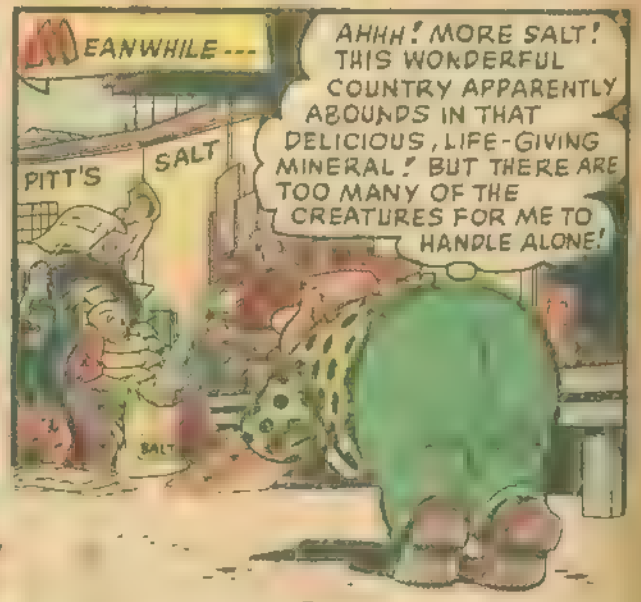
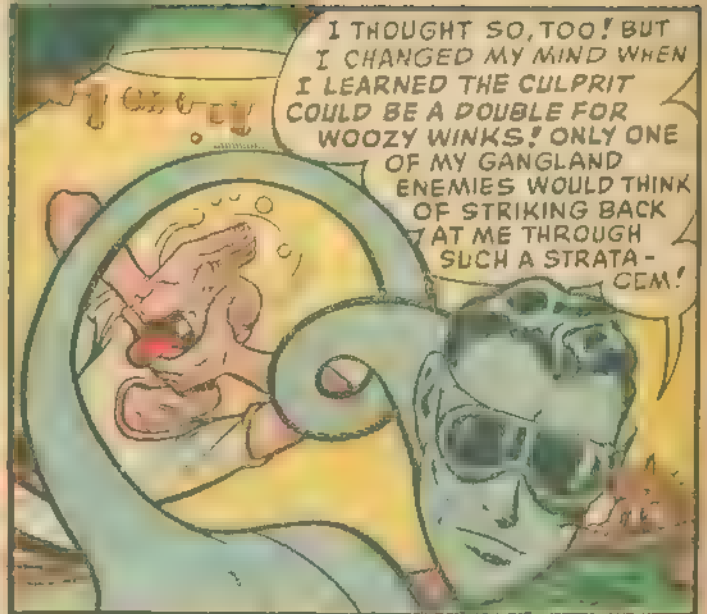
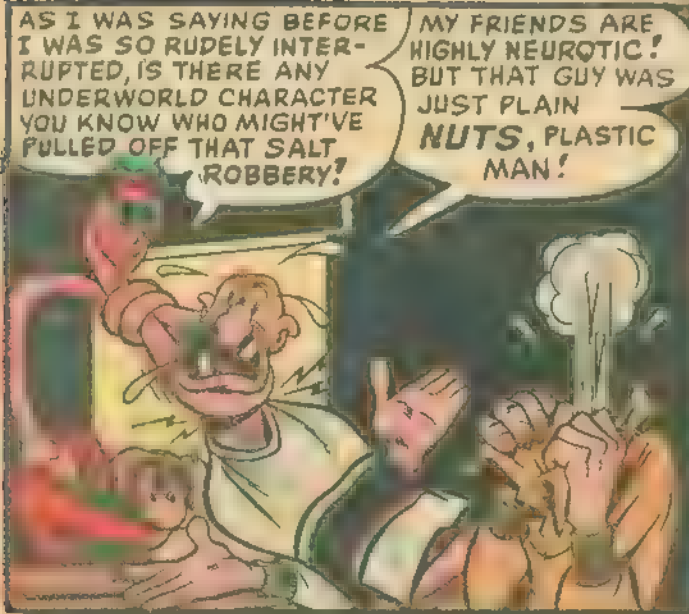
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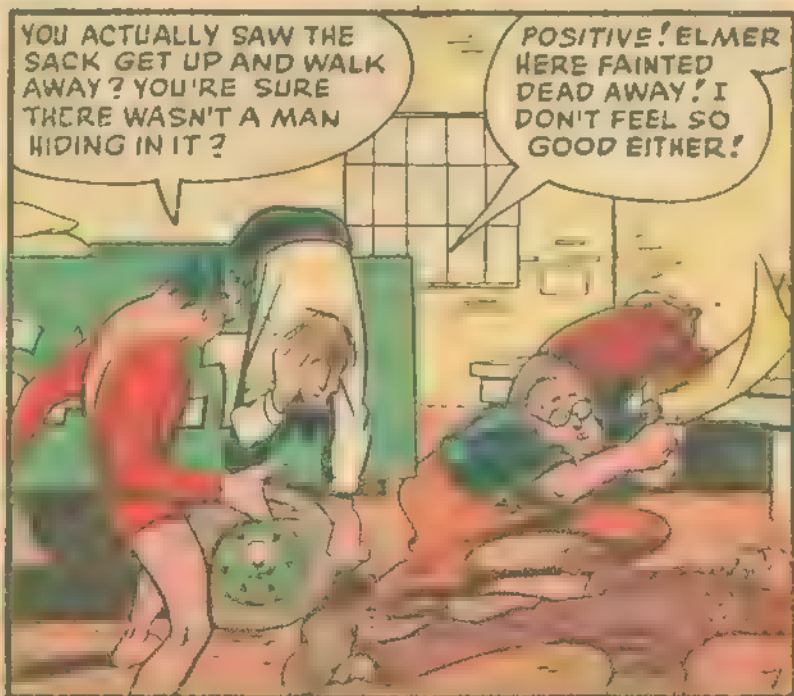
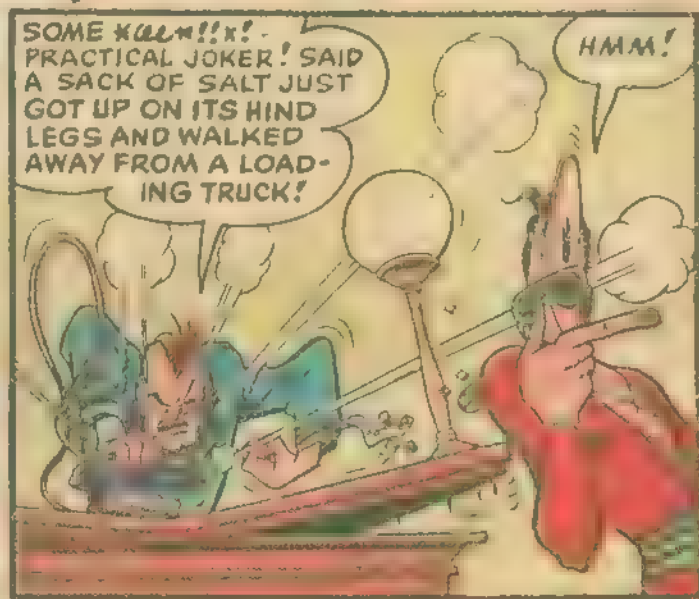
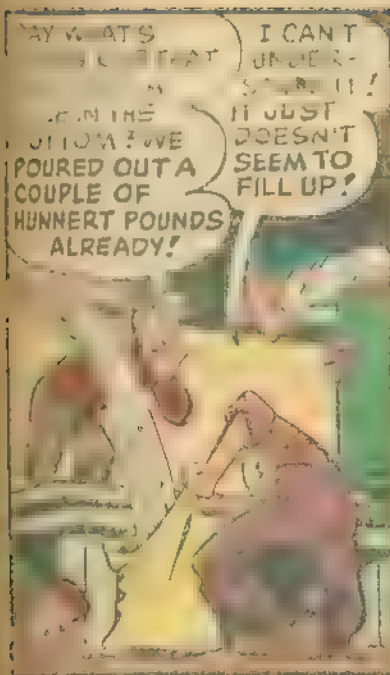
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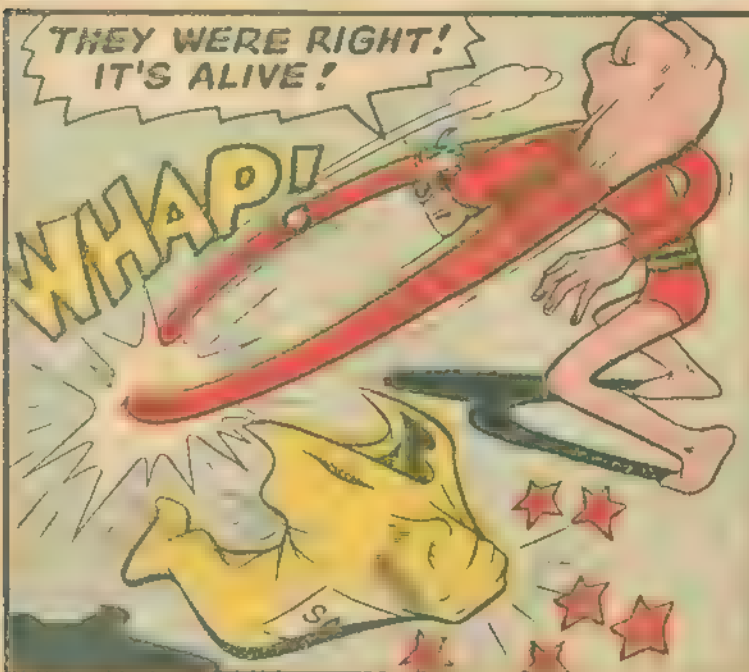
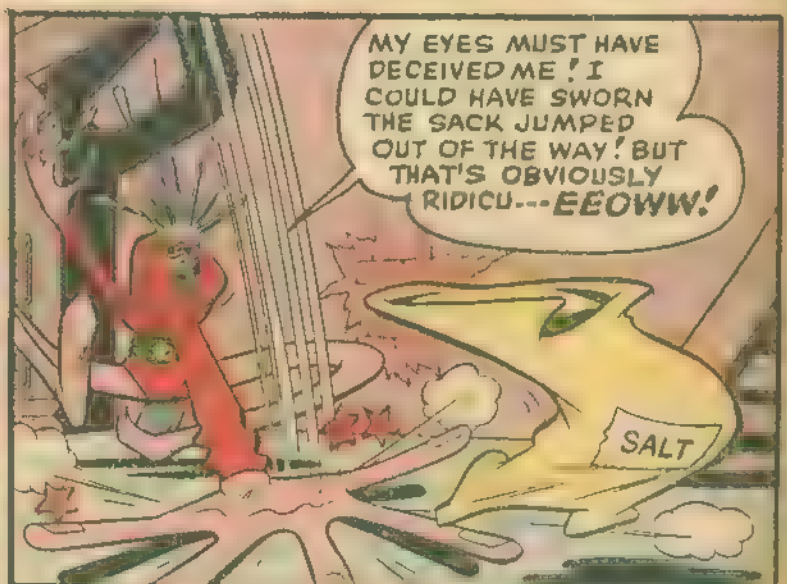
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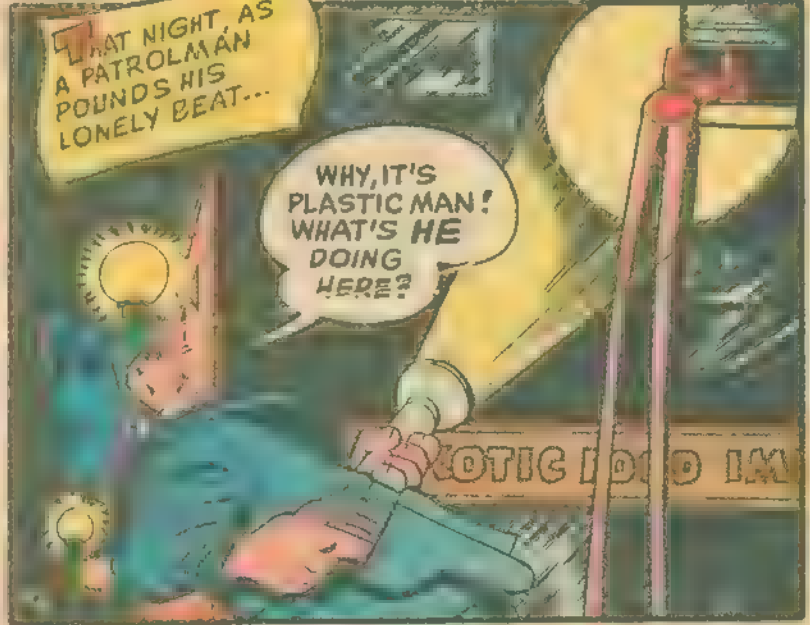
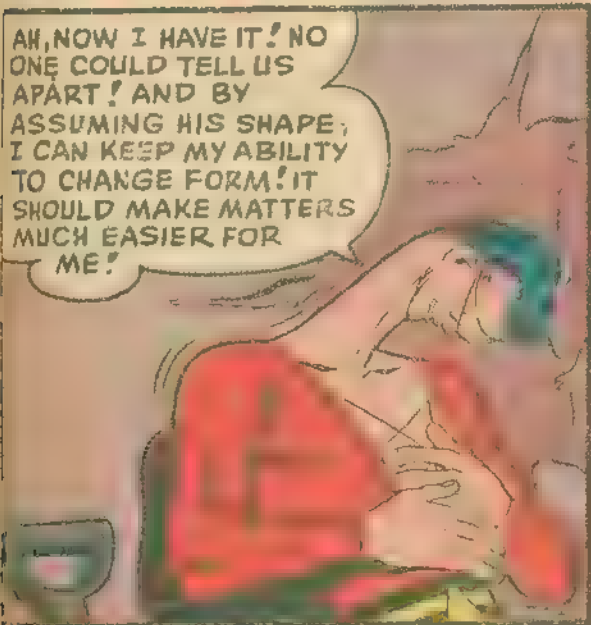
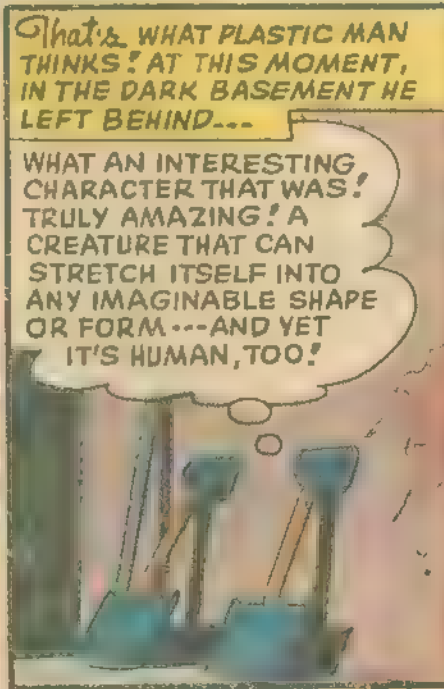
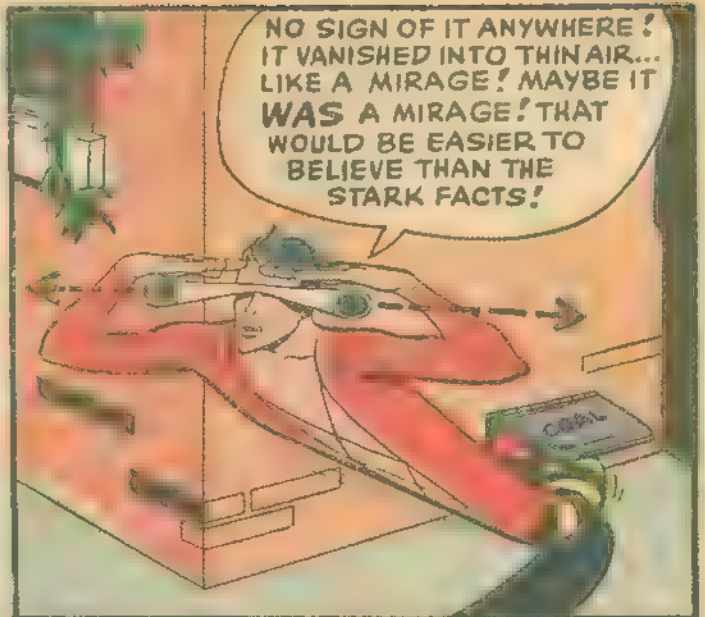
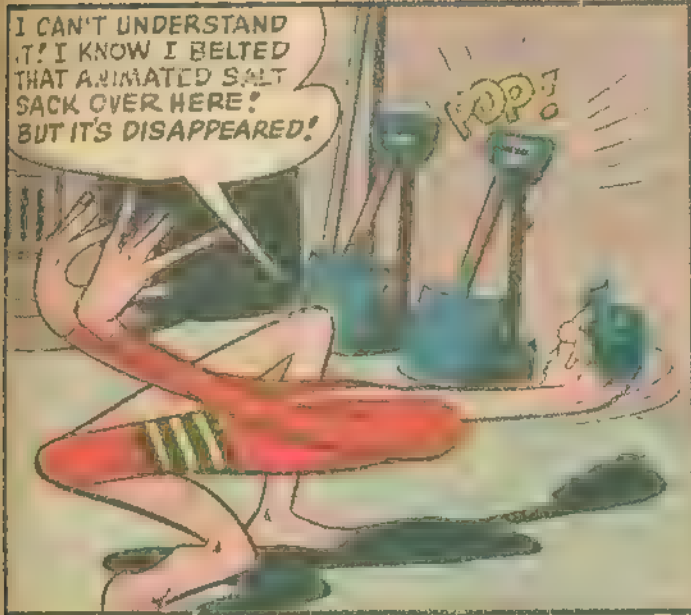
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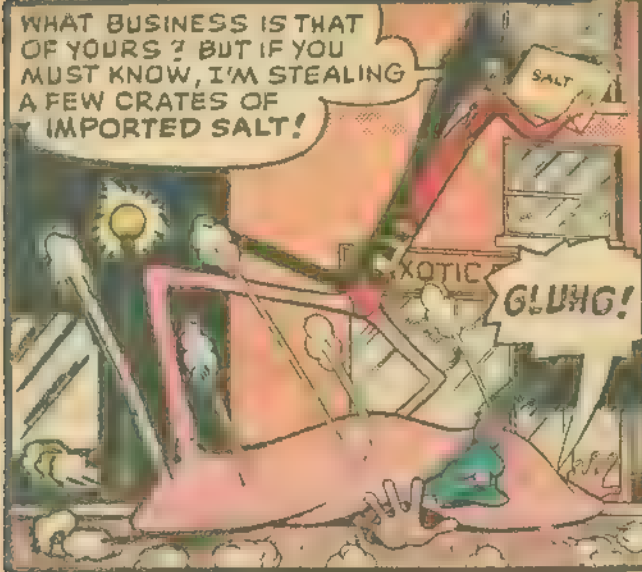


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WHAT BUSINESS IS THAT OF YOURS? BUT IF YOU MUST KNOW, I'M STEALING A FEW CRATES OF IMPORTED SALT!



NEXT TIME, DON'T ASK SILLY QUESTIONS AND YOU WON'T GET INTO TROUBLE!



YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS! UH-HH!

TWEET!



I DON'T CARE IF HE IS PLASTIC MAN! NOBODY CAN GET AWAY WITH INSULTING THE DIGNITY OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT! NOT TO MENTION HIS JOINING UP WITH THOSE CRAZY SALT THIEVES!



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I HEARD YOUR POLICE WHISTLE! WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, OFFICER?

OH, NOTHING MUCH! YOU JUST ROBBED THE EXOTIC FOODS IMPORTING COMPANY! AND YOU WENT THAT WAY!



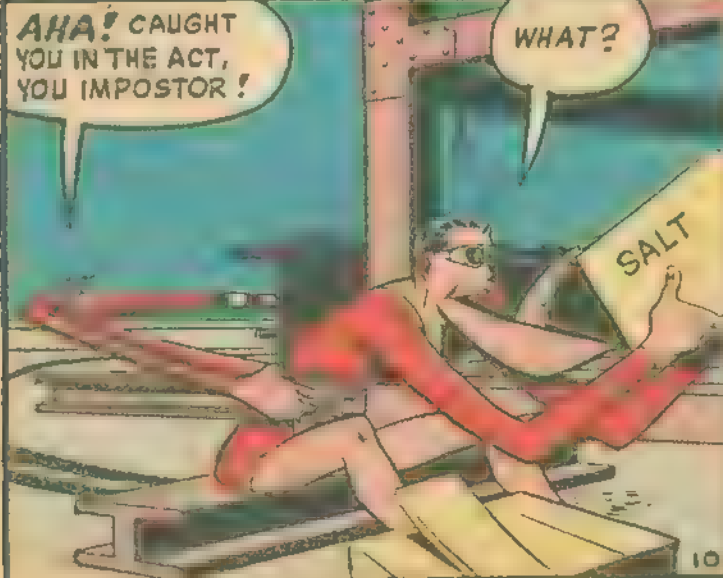
I DID, EH? DON'T WORRY, OFFICER! IN THAT CASE, I'LL BRING MYSELF TO JUSTICE!

LEMME SEE NOW! HOW DID THIS WHOLE THING START? I WAS MAKING MY ROUNDS WHEN---



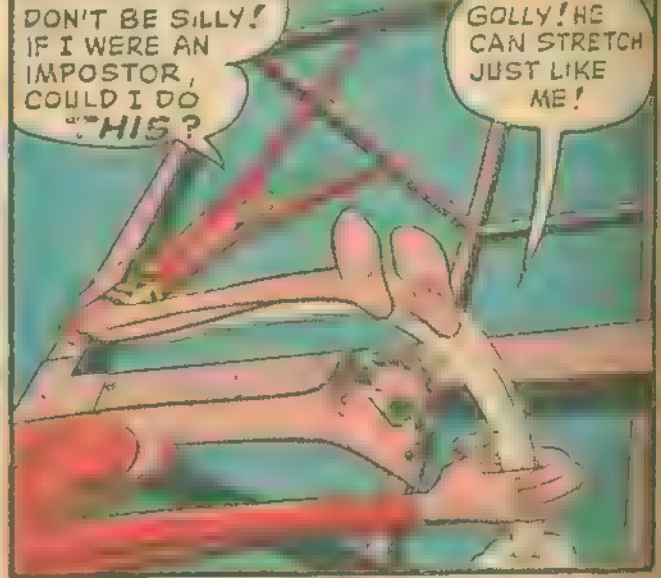
AHA! CAUGHT YOU IN THE ACT, YOU IMPOSTOR!

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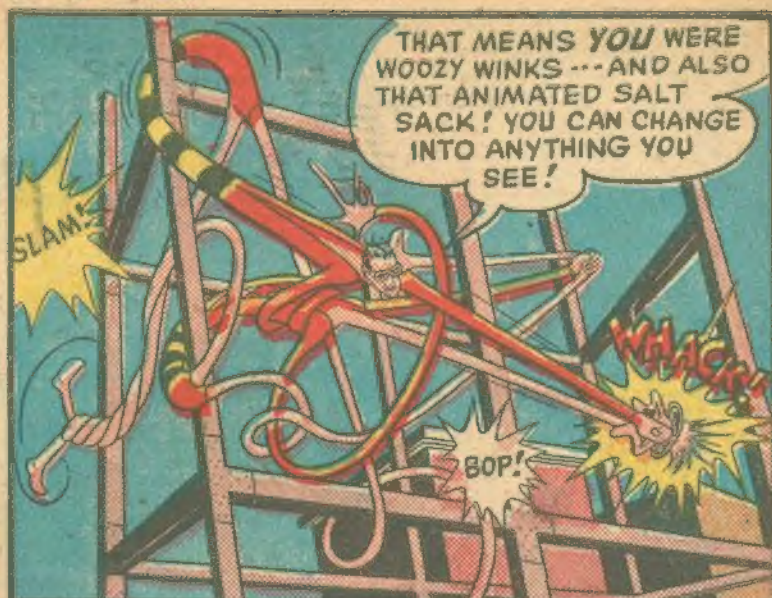


DON'T BE SILLY! IF I WERE AN IMPOSTOR, COULD I DO THIS?

GOLLY! HE CAN STRETCH JUST LIKE ME!

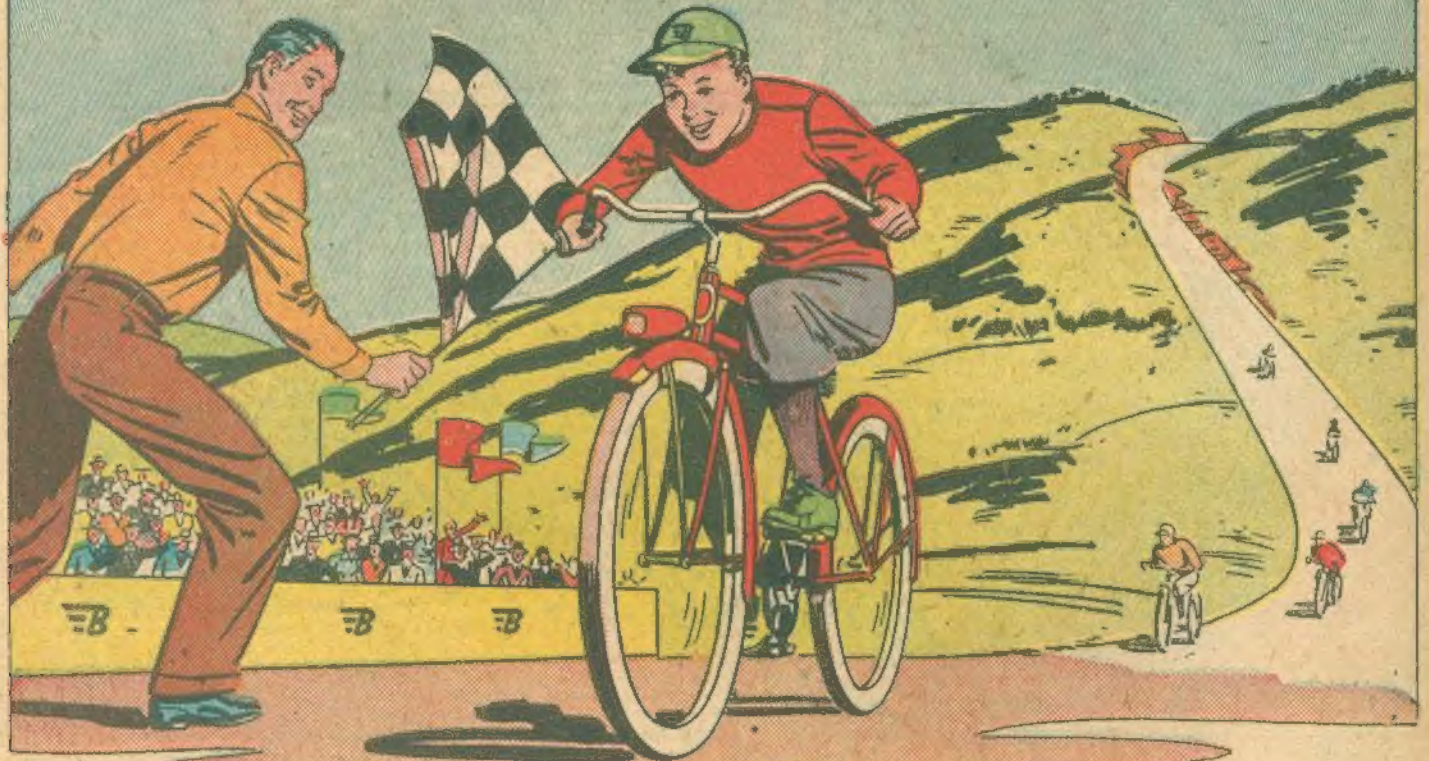


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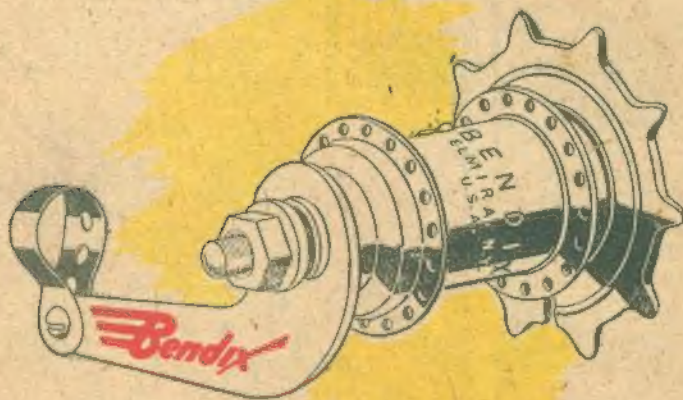




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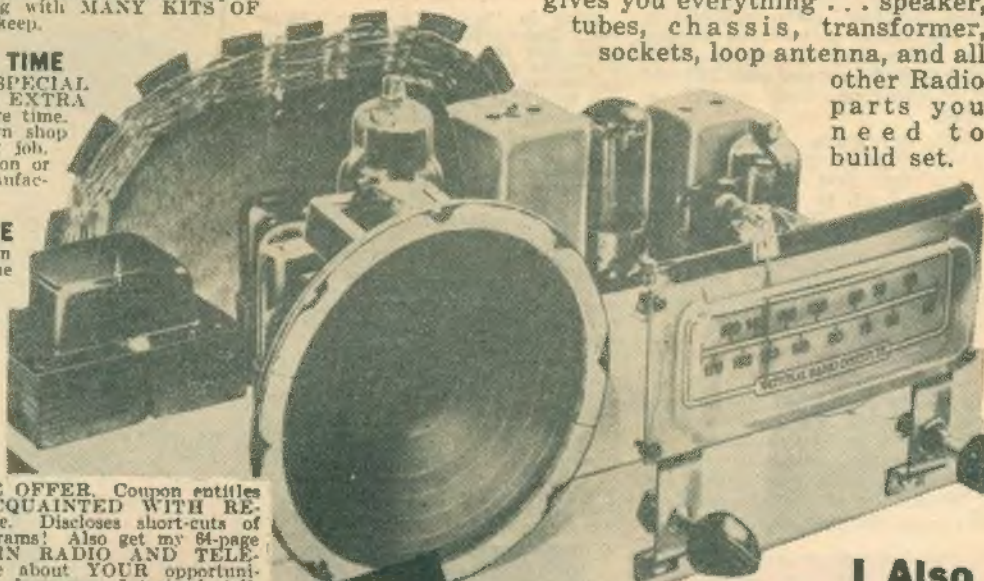
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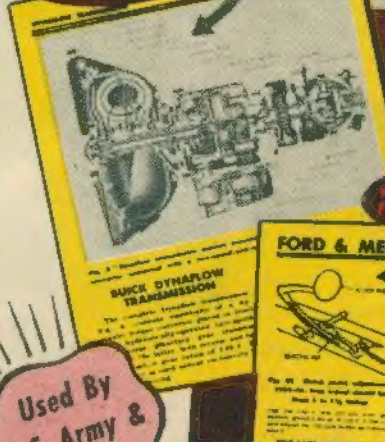
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